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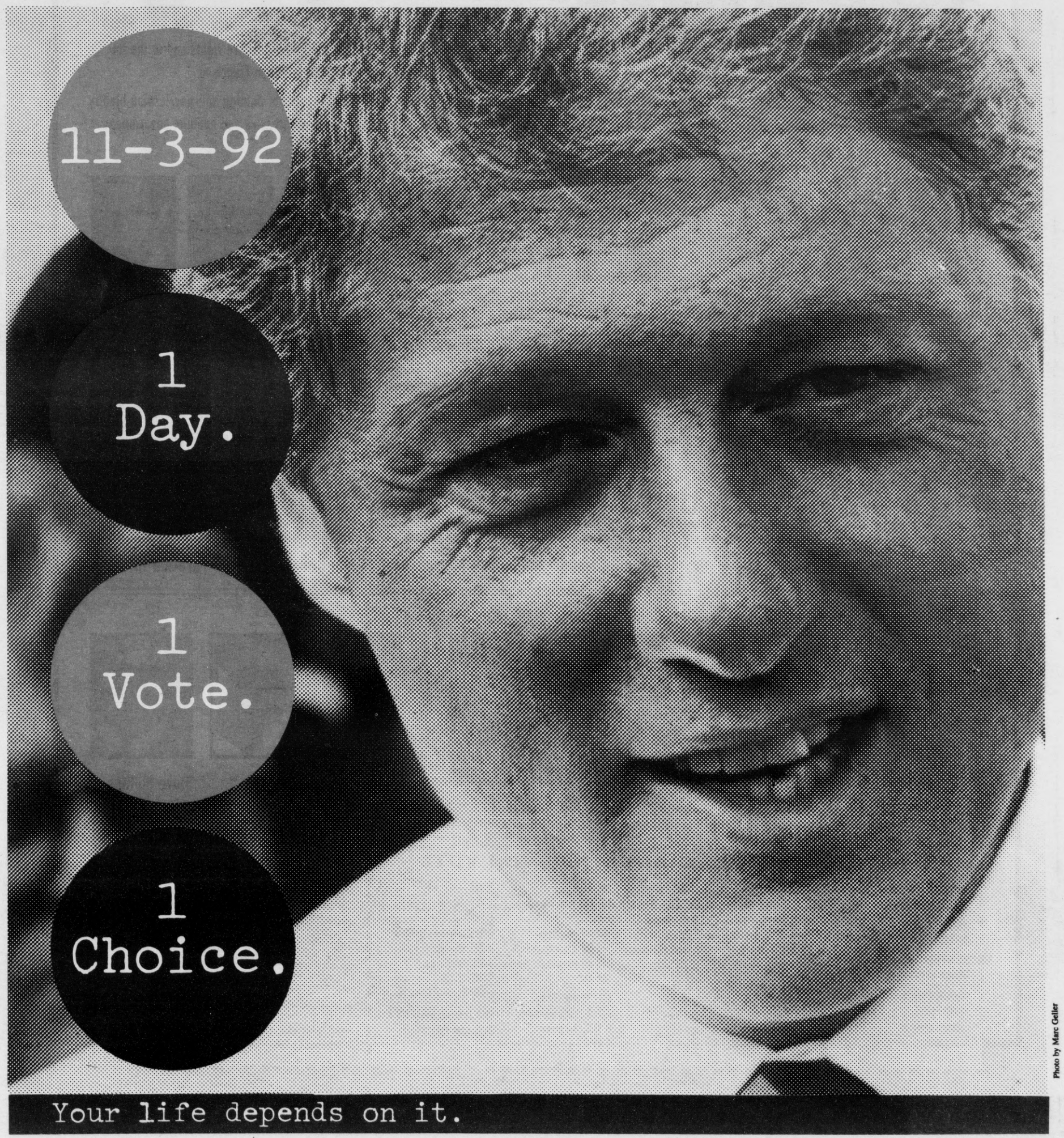

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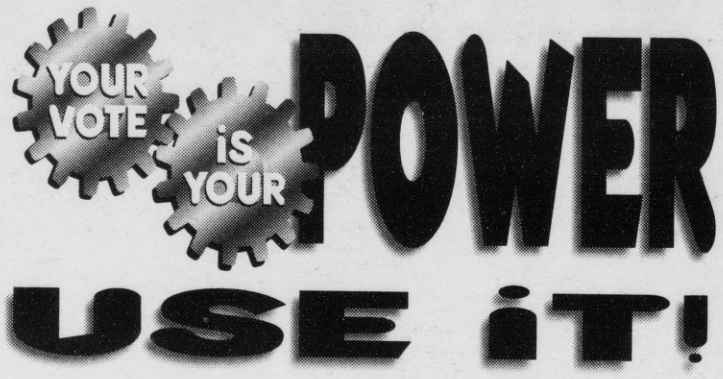

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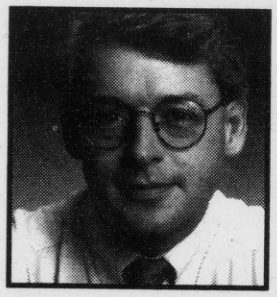

Cleve Jones

As a founder of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the creator of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt, CLEVE JONES has combined grassroots activism with public service as a State Assembly legislative aide and as a member of State and City commissions on youth issues. With the retirement of Supervisor Harry Britt, Cleve is our community's candidate to retain the seat originally held by Harvey Milk.

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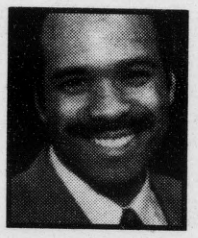

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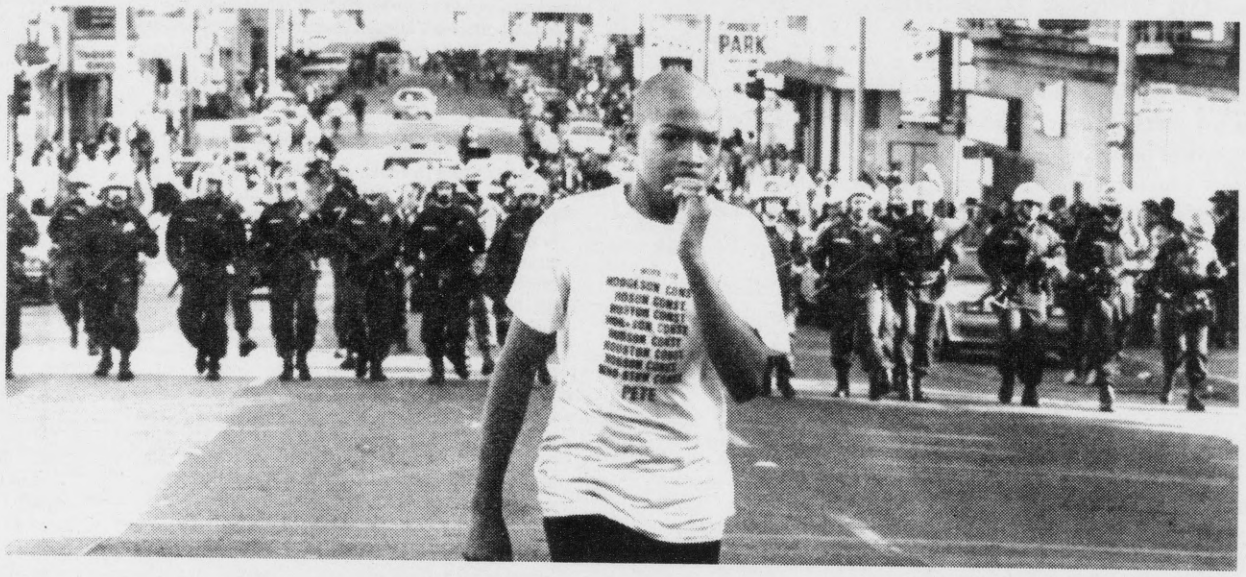
Richard Hongisto says he is a friend of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities...



but we don't need friends like him.

As chief of police in May of this year, Hongisto personally directed his officers to crush peaceful protests in the Mission, Castro, and Duboce Triangle neighborhoods. At Hongisto's command, police violently swept hundreds of innocent queers, people of color, and other residents from the streets of our city and herded them into mass detention centers.

Detainees were held in stifling vans, forced to stand in the cold night air for hours, jammed into tiny holding cells, and denied food for up to a day. People with AIDS were refused access to medications and singled out for physical abuse. Gay men were threatened with felony charges if they hugged or kissed their friends.

To round out his attack, Hongisto ordered cops to seize thousands of copies of a Bay Times issue criticizing his imposition of martial law. That was too much even for the Jordan-appointed Police Commission, which voted unanimously to fire Hongisto for misconduct.

We believe in freedom of expression and assembly, in the right of queers, people of color and people with AIDS to be free of police abuse, and in the obligation of public officials to rise above demagoguery and hysteria in times of crisis. By his actions, Richard Hongisto has shown that he does not share these beliefs.

That's why we ask when you cast your votes for supervisor on November 3 that you say "no" to Hongisto.

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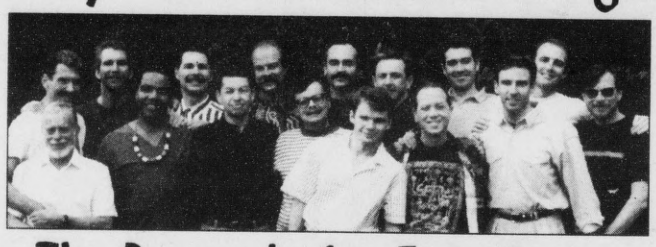

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Scouting Nostalgia

Isn't the "Boy Scout" dialogue between the left and right factions ironic?

In my youth, I was briefly a member of the Boy Scouts. On my first retreat, the boys decided to get creative by restraining one pre-pubescent kid to a tree. The older boys rubbed sandpaper on the restrained kid's nipples, thighs and genitalia. All the while our Christian, white, heterosexual male scoutmaster slept.

I wish to thank the Boy Scouts for this early introduction to S/M, which trained me for countless sexual liaisons in my adult years. Ah, such fine education—even in Virginia Beach, Va., home of Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network and the U.S. Navy and Air Force.

Joe Collins
San Francisco

Gay Republicans—Part of the Community

I am writing to vent anger over a situation in the Castro I see as increasingly intolerable. Although I am a strong advocate of freedom of speech, it frankly annoys me to no end to have the Castro perpetually trashed with a deluge of foolish, insulting and divisive flyers and handbills. Although I reside over the hill in Noe Valley, the Castro is as much a sanctuary to me (a Republican—gasp!) as it is to the ACT UP or Queer Nation types who seem to regard themselves as spokesmen for all the gay community.

Over the weekend I was handed a yellow handbill I found particularly offensive. It advertised some new tea dance on Sundays called XDREAM, purported to be "for queers of all persuasions." But, the handbill continues, "This party is N.R.A.P. (No Republican Assholes, Please)."

It seems that "queers of all persuasions" does not include gay Republicans, like myself. Fine with me! I choose not to think of myself as "queer" anyway, but I am part of the gay community that is not going to go away.

I am tired of having the streets and walls of the neighborhood in which I feel most comfortable trashed with materials that try to make me feel like a pariah in my own community. (Also, to top it off, this event doesn't even occur in the Castro, so the neighborhood gets trashed with advertising junk that doesn't even bring business into the neighborhood.)

I know the Republican Party's platform has some problems with gay issues, but who do you think will change that? ACT UP? If this trashing and exploitation of the Castro continues, I may form a group called SWEEP-UP (Sick With Every Exploitative Politically Uncivil Polluter) and call for a boycott of every business and organization that advertises this way.

Peter Tholle
San Francisco

Heterosexuals Don't Come Out

The week has drawn to a close. I have plastered posters throughout the high school where I am employed announcing, "National Coming Out Day." Nothing fancy—handwritten messages in English, Spanish and Tagalog. If I had more free time, similar placards in Mandarin and ASL would have been added, completing the predominant languages of our student population. It all seems to have been trivialized by the overwhelming focus on Columbus activities going on at the same time.

Who *was* Columbus? Was he heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual? None of us seems to know. Perhaps it's because he never had to come out. For that reason I'm bitter about the whole "coming out" celebration. As lesbians, gays and bisexuals we come out. We share our private lives with others, in jubilation, in honor of our diversity. Yet, heterosexuals never come out. This angers me.

I want to hear heterosexuals proudly state their sexual identity. I want to hear their stories of self-discovery. I want heterosexuals to stop assuming that they can remain silent on matters of sexuality. Sorry folks—that wedding ring, those photos on the desk, holding hands with members of the opposite sex—it just won't cut it any more.

Whenever I come out to someone, I am justifying my cultural difference with the world at large. I'm telling relative strangers that my sexuality makes me different—a member of a minority. Yes, I know that queers are a mere 10 percent of the nation's population. Yes, I know that we are, in many ways, invisible. African Americans (12 percent), Latinos (8 percent) and Asian Americans (less than 6 percent) are blessed with beautiful, unique features, skin colors and, in many instances, languages which accentuate their diversity. Even the deaf community has a method of identifying members and nonmembers. Engage in conversation with a deaf person and you are bound to receive the following question: Are you deaf or hearing?

I am always disappointed when I read an article about a "Black writer" or a "woman senator." Similar labels are never used for white men. The implication is that white, heterosexual men are the "norm." Sadly, the norm is a vanilla world, devoid of culture and specialness. Try as one might, it is not possible to catalogue the cultural makeup of white, heterosexual men. For all their stronghold over the decisions of this nation, these men offer precious little to the quality of everyday life.

If we, as queers, wish to truly embrace diversity, then we should insist that our heterosexual counterparts not only accept us, but accept themselves. All humans are sexual beings by nature. When only 10 percent of the population is expected to proclaim its sexual identity, the members reveal pride in their deviance from the majority. When 100 percent reveal their sexual identity, we revel in the beauty of our diverse sexuality.

If you, kind reader, agree with me, then I encourage you to try it. Come out to someone and then ask that person to reciprocate. Better yet, clip out this column and post it on your bulletin board at work, and with a yellow marker highlight the following sentence: Come out, come out, whatever you are!

Joe Collins
San Francisco

With Clinton We Have a Chance

I am writing about an issue that is potentially a matter of life and death for me and thousands of other Americans—the election of Bill Clinton as president of the United States.

Bill Clinton has promised to institute the recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS.

George Bush has displayed insensitivity and open bigotry by refusing to institute these same recommendations. Four more years of Bush, whose "family values" exclude gay and lesbian family members —thereby ripping families apart—would mean that I and others struggling with HIV would probably not even have a fighting chance at survival. Also, Bush's procrastination in supporting AIDS education and opposition to using words like "condom" will cost thousands more Americans their lives.

With Bill Clinton we will have a chance.

Certainly no presidential election should be decided on a single issue. I would like to share a few other compelling reasons why I believe the election of Bill Clinton is in the best interest of all Americans.

First, by making debilitating cuts in education, George Bush has proved himself to be a man with no vision of the future. Bill Clinton will make education a priority. This is essential for a positive future.

Second, environmental law has suffered under George Bush. Compounding this is the embarrassment he caused Americans by refusing to reach an agreement with the other nations of the world at the Earth Summit in Rio.

Bill Clinton, with environmentalist Al Gore at his side, will certainly be more sensitive to environmental issues than the current administration has been.

Third, George Bush's idea of health care favors rich, white heterosexuals and virtually no one else. Bill Clinton believes all Americans deserve health care.

Fourth, Bush is clearly bigoted against most minority groups, including gays and lesbians, women, the poor, disabled and many others.

Bill Clinton has promised to end discrimination in the military against gays and lesbians and has come out strongly in favor of equal rights and opportunities for all Americans.

Finally, the economy has suffered tremendously under Bush, whose economic policies favor only the rich. Bill Clinton has promised to build an economy for all Americans.

For me and thousands of others it is potentially a matter of life and death.

Richard K. Smith
San Diego

Appalled by Oregon

The following letter was sent to the Hillsboro Argus *and* The Oregonian:

I am a former resident of Hillsboro, Ore., and am now currently residing in San Francisco. I am shocked and appalled by the intense support for Measure 9. This measure is not intended to support "family values," but instead is intent upon ripping them apart. Supporting bigotry and bias with supremacist attitudes can only inflict hatred and violence on innocent members of our community.

The Oregon Citizens Alliance group is using shock tactics by showing selected clips of the gay day parades. Is this a fair representation of the homosex-

ual community? I think not. These people are your neighbors, your brothers, your sisters, sons and daughters. They are attorneys, truck drivers, teachers and mechanics. Are these people to be labeled freaks and shoved aside? No, they are valued citizens in this widely diverse state.

When we speak of "family values" it is not only for a "chosen" few. Love is a gift to be shared by all. Please, take a stand against Measure 9 and vote "No!"

Shannon L. Duke
San Francisco

What Are We Being Sold?

Recently, a lot of media coverage has been given to "mainstream" companies that are now turning to gay publications to grab the gay market. At first I thought this was absolutely terrific. They are recognizing us for our importance as a viable group. My second thought though was: Are they just recognizing us for our money? Many large corporations are scrambling to stay afloat during severe economic times and are branching out; marketing their products to any group with spending power. The national gay community is a logical direction. But remember the age-old advice: Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Do these companies actually support our lifetyles and should we get excited that they are turning to gay-oriented media to attract us? Several considerations come to mind. Do these "mainstream" companies recognize domestic partnerships and do they extend benefits to the partners of homosexual employees? Do these "mainstream" companies support, financially or otherwise, legislation that would prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation?

It's one thing to market to the gay community, but it's another to actually support it. I'm certainly not suggesting that gay media refuse advertising for this reason. The fact does remain that by placing ads in gay-oriented publications, "mainstream" companies have taken a huge surge forward. What I am saying is that we, the gay community, should be cautious of who is vying for our dollars. When economic conditions improve, will these "mainstream" companies remain with the gay community?

Randall R. Heinitz
The National Gay Referral Network
Palm Springs, CA

Bank of America Building—A Call to Action

A unique opportunity has presented itself to our community. The Bank of America, which has long occupied the building at 400 Castro Street, will soon be vacating the site and will take up residence where Security Pacific Bank used to reside at Castro and 18th streets. Despite the fact that Bank of America is moving out of the building, it will continue to hold the lease on 400 Castro Street for the next eight years.

Upon learning that the site would become available, Supervisors Hallinan, Achtenberg and Migden convened an advisory committee to screen proposals from our community for the site. The most favorable proposal must be presented to Bank of America by November 17. Despite the fact that BofA has agreed to entertain a proposal from our community, we still must compete with large, well-financed retailers like the Gap and Carl's Jr. Also, there is only so much politicians can or are willing to do without public input.

The situation would seem hopeless except for one thing: the power of our community to put pressure on Bank of America to negotiate solely with our community instead of forcing us to compete unfairly with monied retail interests. We must compel Bank of America to make a commitment to not only provide the building for the use of our community, but to help that become a reality. We believe that Bank of America needs to make amends to our community for the insult it delivered to us when it decided to continue funding the homophobic Boy Scouts of America. Leasing and facilitating the transfer of the building to our community would be one step in making those amends.

The proposals which have been brought forth so far include various versions of a lesbian, gay, bisexual community center. Queer Nation strongly believes that there should be a community center that represents all and can be accessed by all in our community.

This is a call to action. We urge everyone to make their voices heard loud and clear on this issue. Our community must take advantage of the opportunity of acquiring this unique and highly visible space. Not only is the building located in the heart of our community, the location is the gateway to the Castro. Acquiring the site and turning it into a community center would further establish our existence in the neighborhood and would provide a much needed cultural alternative to the heavily retail nature of the area.

It is imperative that we not let this opportunity slip through our hands because of inaction. Get involved now. Write to: Daniel Costello, Executive Vice President, Corporate Real Estate for Bank of America, 560 Davis St., SF 94111. Also send copies of your letters to the Advisory Committee for 400 Castro, c/o Supervisor Terrence Hallinan, Board of Supervisors, City Hall, SF 94102.

Allen Carson
Steering Committee, Queer Nation/SF

Felt Like an Outsider

The following letter was sent to Outsider Productions; regarding their benefit for the documentary, Sex Is*:*

We attended your benefit at the Castro Theatre on Friday night, Sept. 11. We are writing to express our dissatisfaction with the event and how our subsequent voicing of concerns was handled.

We went to this event with the intention of supporting the film and the art community that backed it. We were under the impression that the show would be very different from what we encountered. We did not expect gay male sex to play such an important role in the '70s camp fashion "extravaganza," nor did we expect a safe sex show. We can put condoms on dildos at home for much less than the $30 we spent for this "benefit."

In voicing our concerns with you, Marc [Huestis], we felt that we were attacked immediately by a defensive film producer eager to make us out to be anti-male lesbians on a mission for "equal time." You were defensive, rude and confrontational. We voiced our opinion that we were not disappointed by the lack of lesbian participation in the show, but rather by the entire show itself. You never listened to any of our concerns and did not show any interest in our comments. Most of all, we were shocked at the treatment we received as supporters and funders of this event. You lacked any appreciation for our contributions toward the film.

It was obvious to us by the high attendance that evening that you had a successful fundraising benefit. Is your reputation in the community not worth our respect or our $30? In these hard times, what to us was hard-earned money was to you, perhaps, merely a drop in the bucket. Or maybe your message to us was that you couldn't care less if women support your film.

Outsider Productions gave us a clear impression that you consider yourselves to be just that—outside of our interests, unapproachable and unconcerned. Rest assured we will not support your events and will encourage our friends to remain outside.

Angela Block, Chris Lymbertos, Desiree Lymbertos
San Francisco

McCarthylike Tactics in SF?

It is very sad that in our own San Francisco supervisorial race one candidate, Richard Hongisto, has sunk to the McCarthylike tactic of time and again publicly red-baiting progressive supervisors for having taken certain progressive stands.

Hongisto used to be the darling of the liberal community, and rightfully so. However, in his current campaign he has changed to right-wing conservatism in so many ways, he has lately become the darling of the downtown monied interests who are suddenly pouring substantial funds into Hongisto's campaign.

If he wins the election, his conversion would have paid off magnificently.

And to whom will he then listen?

Bob Basker
San Francisco

Don't Be Fooled by Willie Kennedy

I urge all progressive voters not to be fooled by any recent gestures by Supervisor Willie Kennedy. She is not to be trusted.

This is the same Willie Kennedy who, two years ago, found safe sex ads for gay men offensive and wanted them removed from the Muni. I'm not impressed that she rode in our parade this year for the first time. She's up for re-election and she wants our votes.

During the most recent Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade, Supervisor Kennedy's car paused in front of me on the parade route. I told her I was disappointed that she broke her written pledge to support the bill that would have provided more non-smoking seating in restaurants. She said nothing in response, but haughtily waved her baton with the rainbow-colored streamers across my face three or four times. It was infuriating. Then, one of her goons stepped between us, as if she needed protection from me. This is access to our elected officials?

Frankly, I would urge the newly constituted parade committee to allow only those elected officials who spring from our community to have cars in the parade. It's offensive that some of our community organizations have to wait for hours before they can set off, while the likes of Willie Kennedy and Dick Hongisto enjoy a priority slot. If they must march, put them at the end of the parade!

While I'm dishing everyone, please remember also not to vote for Tom Hsieh, Dick Hongisto or Barbara Kaufman.

It saddens me that those supervisors who are members of minority communities are far from progressive. I'm glad to have Cleve Jones, Sue Bierman and Jose Medina to vote for, but it's time we lay the groundwork for a full slate of progressive candidates who reflect the ethnic diversity of our city.

Naphtali Offen
San Francisco

Muni Hassles

The following letter was sent to Muni Customer Complaints:

With the recent Muni-bashing in the *SF Examiner*, I've been tempted to write of my own harrowing experiences. For instance, the time I saw a jam-packed outbound Geary bus at Polk on a sweltering day, stuck in rush-hour traffic; the driver lit up a cigar right there at his seat. I saw the same driver a few weeks later on the 19 Polk; as soon as a passenger entered, this driver loudly called him a "faggot." This passenger's mother was already on the bus and was visibly shaken as she said, "My son is not gay." To which our friendly Muni employee replied, "Oh, he is too a fucking faggot!" What can you say to a worm like that?

I only regret that I didn't report him. I wrote a complaint on another matter years earlier and never even received a response from Muni.

Recently I was riding the 42 Van Ness at California Street. I was hassled by a tall man in his mid-20s, who said to me and my companion, "I hope you two are brothers," implying that the two of us were queer. I told him to mind his own business and he said some other inane stuff. Then he made a death threat. All the other passengers were blind and deaf to this, and I can't say I blame them.

Then this young man kicked my friend and tried to kick me. We went to the driver and explained what was happening. The driver said he didn't know anything about it and smiled as he said, "Don't hassle me. It's not my job." He refused to talk to the passenger and wouldn't call Muni or the police as we had requested. When we protested, he said, "Fuck you. This is not my job."

Then the driver told us to get off the bus and make the calls ourselves. When we got off at our stop, he shouted to us, "Fuck you!"

I would appreciate a response from your complaint department. I'm sure you recognize the severity of this incident, and can see it could have easily escalated into more severe physical violence. I would like to know what kind of disciplinary action you will take against this driver and when it would be implemented. I also want to know his name, please. If this ever happens again I want to be able to report him by name or I.D. number. All of this information can be verified by asking other passengers to contact you.

I am asking that all passengers who see such incidents report them.

Michael Schulze
San Francisco

Transsexuals and Heterosexual Male Arrogance

When I was a young, 18-year-old lesbian, without political support and knowing no other lesbians, I met a man at school who wanted me to be his girlfriend. I told him "No" over and over. I was a lesbian and I was not heterosexual. However, with typical male arrogance and the assumption of male ownership rights to all females, he would not take my "No" seriously. In spite of my being a lesbian, he continued to pressure me over many months to be heterosexual with him. I still refused.

Haven't many of you been pressured by a man in such a sexist and heterosexist way? How would you feel to later find out that the same man decided he was a lesbian? How would you feel to read his

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SF Bay Times 1992 Endorsements.

PRESIDENT: BILL CLINTON

Bill Clinton for President. Thinking back a year ago, it's difficult to imagine that the gay/lesbian/bisexual community would be so excited by that prospect. But in the past year, through the twists and turns of this campaign, our community has had a new experience: We have become part of the national agenda. Our issues have been articulated as legitimate civil rights issues. We have been brought to the forefront of the American national debate—both through the affirmations of the Clinton/Gore ticket, and the denunciations of the rabidly hateful Republicans.

It is almost unimaginable for us to have a president in the White House that acknowledges us as full citizens of this country. The impact on our lives will be real and tangible.

Funding for AIDS. An "AIDS Czar" setting national policy. Access to health care. An executive order banning military discrimination.

A premise of caring.

All of these are first steps, simple things that by right should belong to all Americans.

But in a climate of support, with the highest levels of government affirming our actual human dignity, we will be able to achieve so much more. We can take a lesson from the pages of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Presidents Kennedy and Johnson were essentially supportive of the Black struggle for civil rights. But the gains won by the Black community were still hard-fought, and much remains to be won 30 years later.

We can't afford complacency. The primary concern of the American electorate is still the economy. Many have overlooked what they consider Clinton's flaws—like his extramarital affairs, like his avoidance of the draft, like his support for gays—because they believe he has the best plan to turn this country around economically. We will have a long struggle ahead of us to assure our place as full citizens with equal rights under the law.

Clinton has outlined a detailed legislative program to address the basic concerns of this country: reforming health care, stimulating job growth, shrinking the deficit, educating the public. It's an extensive plan for development and growth that offers hope to millions of Americans.

For those of you who have been impressed by Perot's info-tainment-mercials: The guy has a point. The economy is going to hell, and the system is incredibly screwed up. However, across all lines of the political spectrum, economists point out that Perot's plan will have dire consequences, placing too heavy a strain on a severely weak economy. He has some good points. His implementation could be disastrous.

And we can't forget the reality of what Perot said before he sequestered himself from the media: It would be embarrassing to have gays in cabinet positions. Gays should not serve in the military. Tough female reporters are trying to prove their manhood. This country is in dire need of economic solutions, but there is more to the presidency than running the economy, and this writer does not like the idea of a Neanderthal setting social policy for the next four years.

Right now the polls say Clinton is likely to win this election. But we cannot be complacent. God forbid we see a grinning George Bush holding the Nov. 4 *New York Times* front page aloft with the banner headline, "Clinton Defeats Bush." Every vote is important; every vote counts. Many of the polling numbers are ambiguous; some of Clinton's support is soft. We cannot afford to take anything for granted. We all must go to the polls and vote.

We also have a couple of important statewide, and lots of local, ballots to cast. Remember the Senate race in California. We know about Dianne Feinstein's record on behalf of our community, and we cannot forget that her opponent, John Seymour, personally took time out to call Gov. Wilson and urge him to veto AB101. We know about Barbara Boxer's record on our behalf as well, and we know that her opponent, Bruce Herschensohn, felt right at home at the Republican National Convention.

Never in history has our community had the chance to vote for a president who has openly campaigned for the support of gays and lesbians, who has emotionally called for an all-out war against AIDS, who has said, "We don't have a person to waste."

We don't have a vote to waste. Vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore on November 3.

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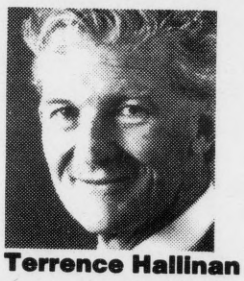

Terrence Hallinan

Jose Medina

Willie Kennedy
Jim Gonzalez

In the midst of a turbulent national election, with the added excitement of the Boxer/Feinstein Senate races, no one has paid a great deal of attention to the local races.

And while nobody's been minding the store, the Chamber of Commerce, and the most conservative of the conservative (read: anti-gay) elements of the local power structure have gotten their act together and are funding a host of conservative, (right-wing) Republican-like candidates in local races this year.

This may sound like strong rhetoric, but it's not-so-quietly whispered in certain conservative quarters in this City that "fags have taken over the government." The conservative elements energized by the election of Mayor Jordan (a return to the "good old days"— read: no gays) are feeling their oats, and they're putting their money behind a slate of candidates that can't wait to get this city "back on track."

Meanwhile, the progressive community—still smarting after the divisive Mayor's campaign last year—has been so caught up in the national elections, that scant attention has been paid to the reality of what's happening in the City. When our community won the "Lavender Sweep" of two years ago—putting Roberta Achtenberg, Carole Migden and Tom Ammiano in office, along with several progressive supporters—the election was the primary game in town. Achtenberg and Migden raised over $300,000 each to win their seats on the board.

This year, with the retirement of gay Supervisor Harry Britt, there is a vacant seat on the board, and a gay candidate on the ballot—Cleve Jones. But Jones has only succeeded in raising $100,000 for the race, a piddling sum next to the $250,000-plus raised by some of the Chamber candidates.

There is a progressive slate, but it's going to take a concerted effort from our community—and all progressive voters in San Francisco—to assure its election. *SF Bay Times* endorses Cleve Jones, Sue Bierman, Terrence Hallinan and Jose Medina as the first tier of progressive candidates to the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, we are supporting Jim Gonzalez and Willie Kennedy. Although their votes have not always been progressive, they bring other important elements to the mix of San Francisco politics.

Cleve Jones is best known as the founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, but he has contributed much to the gay community in San Francisco since Harvey Milk was his political mentor in the mid-1970s. He was one of the first to recognize the pending AIDS epidemic, and co-founded the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. As an HIV-positive man, Jones plans to make AIDS care a cornerstone of his legislative agenda. He also recognizes the importance of coalition politics.

Sue Bierman is a community institution. Many of the projects she's worked on over the last three decades have touched our lives directly as City residents. It was Bierman's work as a community activist in the 1960s that stopped the extension of the Central Freeway through the Panhandle and Golden Gate Park. She has been a consistent supporter of the gay community over the years, and just about every other sector of the city, winning the trust and admiration of a huge cross-section of the San Francisco public for work she's done on their behalf.

Terrence Hallinan is the primary progressive incumbent on the board. As such, with a unified progressive vote, he has the best shot at the Board presidency. Up until the Lavender Sweep of two years ago, Hallinan was the best chance gay/lesbian and progressive citizens had of having their concerns addressed at the Board level. While his work has been shared by the Sweep victors, he has remained an important focal point for San Francisco activists. He is progressive and pragmatic in the best possible way: he supported grandfathering in in-law apartments to aid the city budget. He has advocated increasing the hotel tax (which is currently low by national standards) as an important revenue stream for the city budget. He actively stood up for the rights of all San Franciscans when Jordan and Hongisto thrashed the Constitution. He does the right thing because he wants to, not because he has to.

Jose Medina has served on a variety of boards and commissions for over three decades in San Francisco. Most recently, as a police commissioner, he was one of the few who stood up for the rights of protesters and didn't rubber-stamp all the requests that came to him from then-Police Chief Frank Jordan. Medina will vote solidly in support of the gay community; his base will be the Mission District, where he will focus his attention on the crushing concerns that face residents of that area.

Finally, *SF Bay Times* endorses Willie Kennedy and Jim Gonzalez. While neither candidate has consistently stood with the gay and progressive communities over the years, both have shown marked improvement in the last year or two. Kennedy has recently been working in close coalition with the Lesbians and Gays of African Descent Democratic Association (LGADDA); both have benefited from the alliance. And it's important that the African-American community has a representative on the Board in the City. Gonzalez showed a new side of his political personality with his response to the SF Police Department's attacks on the Mission District during the Rodney King demonstrations. Gonzalez was also the only supervisor who called for the U.S. Attorney's Office to investigate constitutional violations by the Mayor and Chief of Police.

Following the November election, there is talk that Roberta Achtenberg, who is Bill Clinton's Northern California co-chair, may be offered a job in the Clinton administration. Should she accept, Mayor Jordan will get to appoint someone to fill her seat. This could tilt the board dangerously to the right—witness Jordan's replacement of Doris Ward, a progressive African American, with Republican Annemarie Conroy, his most faithful ally on the Board.

San Francisco has always been known for its tolerance of diversity and progressive politics. With the revitalization of conservative forces in the City, we could lose that edge. This is an important election. Get out and vote for progressive candidates who will support the gay community—and the majority of residents in San Francisco.

SF SCHOOL BOARD

Angie Fa
Leland Yee
Jill Wynns
Steve Phillips

Long one of the most contentious boards on the local government scene (makes the Supes look like a tea party), this election holds real promise for the creation of a rational, working school board. With the retirement of three incumbents, the race is wide open. There's reason to believe that decent public education, which seems to have been forgotten as the basic goal of the school board, may actually become an issue for discussion at board meetings again.

Incumbent Leland Yee, a licensed psychologist, has been a strong voice for change in his first term on the board. He's had to battle a strongly factionalized board, but his votes have fallen on the right side.

The challengers in this year's election offer a plethora of positive choices. *SF Bay Times* regrets that we can only endorse a total of four slots, as many of the challengers would represent marked improvement over the retiring board members. Carol Kocivar has worked in the schools as a volunteer for the past nine years, but while her involvement has been in important areas, such as the school site improvement committee, it has focused less on areas of educational reform. Enola Maxwell is a San Francisco institution, and it's difficult to imagine *not* endorsing her for anything she'd choose to run for. Her work at Potrero Hill Neighborhood house has been exemplary. She understands so many of the issues facing city kids today. She is less direct, however, with concrete

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ANGIE FA

President, Harvey Milk Club and Candidate for Board of Education

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Dianne Feinstein

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Nancy Pelosi

U.S. CONGRESS *District 12*
Tom Lantos

STATE SENATE *District 3*
Milton Marks

STATE ASSEMBLY *District 12*
John L. Burton

STATE ASSEMBLY *District 13*
Willie L. Brown, Jr.

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The Milk Club has a long tradition in the forefront of the struggle for social justice. In the last year alone, the Club secured Domestic Partner benefits for BART employees; created a city-wide coalition to safeguard health and other vital programs from budget cuts; and organized forums on lesbian activism, Asian-bashing and HIV issues.

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Enola Maxwell

Leland Yee

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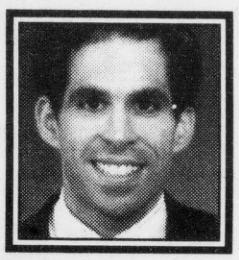
As College Board member, developed the nation's first Lesbian & Gay Studies Department.

Antonio Salazar-Hobson

BART BOARD

Ahmad Anderson
District 7



Michael Bernick
District 9

STATE & CITY PROPOSITIONS

Prop 155	YES
Prop 156	YES
Prop 157	—
Prop 158	YES
Prop 159	YES
Prop 160	NO
Prop 161	**YES**
Death with Dignity	
Prop 162	—
Prop 163	—

Prop 164 NO
Don't weaken our clout in Congress

Prop 165 NO
Gov. Wilson's power grab

Prop 166 NO
Phony health care "reform"

Prop 167 YES
Close tax loopholes for the super-rich

Prop A	**YES**
Preserve affordable housing	
Prop B	**NO**
No more jails	
Prop C	YES
Prop D	YES
Prop E	YES
Prop F	YES
Prop G	YES
Prop H	**YES**
Lower rent increases	

Prop J NO
Fight Jordan's anti-homeless campaign

Prop K NO

Prop L NO
Don't restrict affordable housing

BE SURE TO VOTE THROUGH THE ENTIRE BALLOT

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programs she would like to develop in the schools, and focuses primarily on "more money for schools." Realistically, there isn't going to be any more money for a long time—that's a whole separate issue. In the meantime, the schools could do a much better job with what they've got. Finally, there is Rev. Amos Brown. Brown, as minister of the Third Baptist Church, is also a community institution. He's put the resources of his church to work at after-school and summer school tutoring programs; his primary focus is the African-American kids who are being so grossly underserved in the SF schools. He offers concrete ideas for programs modeled after public education programs that have succeeded elsewhere.

The slate *SF Bay Times* has put together represents the best future for the kids in the San Francisco schools.

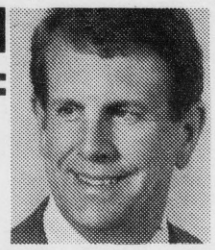
Angie Fa teaches at SF Community College. The kids that arrive in her classes who have graduated from the public schools don't know how to read and write. Fa's focus will be on insuring that children get the basic skills they need to proceed with their lives and education. Fa is an Asian-American lesbian and the president of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club.

Steve Phillips comes across somewhat like Bill Clinton—he's a bit of a policy wonk. He's developed a five-year plan for turning around the schools in the City. His focus is on how kids learn, and on systematic educational reform. He has carefully thought through the primary issues of public education today—and can reel off studies, statistics and success stories to support his theories. His ideas will bring a whole new dimension to the board.

This is Jill Wynns' second run for the school board; she lost by a narrow margin in the last election. She, too, has devoted a decade to volunteering in the schools, with her energies addressing a variety of concerns, from funding to educational reform to parent involvement in the schools.

Leland Yee, Angie Fa, Steve Phillips and Jill Wynns will immeasurably improve the quality of the San Francisco School Board. They will bring new ideas and new hope for public school kids, and deserve our votes on Nov. 3.

BART BOARD: JIM HAAS



This is another election that represents a difficult quandary for our community. Both candidates in this race are qualified and have much to offer the gay community. Incumbent Mike Bernick has been consistently supportive of gay and lesbian concerns in his tenure on the BART board, actively supporting the BART domestic partners policy, for example. His opponent is Jim Haas, a gay man with long-standing involvement in transportation issues. He has chaired the Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation in the City, and also co-chaired the Committee for a Safe Embarcadero. He's spoken and written frequently about City and regional transit issues. His expertise on a broad range of transit concerns would add a welcome dimension to the BART board as it faces crucial decisions about the future of the system.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

Prop 161
Death With Dignity . . . . . YES

Perhaps no more emotionally laden issue appears on the California ballot in this election. The California Death With Dignity act gives a person with a terminal illness the right to choose to end his or her life with the assistance of their physician.

We have been overwhelmed by issues of death in the gay community. We have learned that one of the most important things for us is to control how we are treated and cared for when we are ill.

And many of us have chosen to control how we die. Not wishing to face the ravages of disease to the bitter end, some of us have chosen to end our lives earlier than they would have ended naturally. With the aid of a few close friends or family members, some of us have experienced quiet, peaceful deaths that have been incredibly moving and life-affirming experiences for all involved.

And we've had to live in fear of criminal prosecution for that. Our physicians and other caregivers have had to stand silently by, unable to assist us when they were willing to do so. Sometimes, without the proper medical expertise available to us, we have botched our attempts, and the suffering for all involved has been unimaginable.

Opponents of Prop 161 argue that it is rife with legal loopholes that will allow people to end their lives for all sorts of marginal reasons. The safeguards in Prop 161 are quite concrete, however. A lengthy series of steps is outlined that assure that a person's life will not be terminated for either simplistic or criminal reasons. Two physicians—one of whom has been the primary care-giver and therefore knows the patient well—are required to approve the request. And an individual, of course, retains the right to back out at any time.

Dignity and self-determination should be accorded all of us throughout our lives. Vote Yes on Prop 161.

Prop 163
Snack Tax Repeal . . . . . YES

The so-called "Snack Tax" is one of the most ill-conceived tax measures ever foisted on the California public. With its arcane regulatory delineations, it has managed to completely befuddle consumers and retailers alike. Every citizen of California should be overjoyed to play a role in ditching this godawful tax. Happily vote No on Prop 163.

Prop 164
Term Limits . . . . . NO

With the current political winds favoring "change" (for extraordinarily good reason), and San Francisco's own voters endorsing term limits for locally elected officials, *SF Bay Times* is concerned voters are going to get swept up by the term limit maelstrom and vote for this measure. This would be tremendously damaging to all Californians in general, and the gay/lesbian/bisexual community in particular.

As the largest state in the country, our congressional delegation wields extraordinary power at the national level. It also features the largest bloc of pro-gay, pro-women legislators elected anywhere. Success in the United States Congress *does* depend on seniority and networking. The ability to raise monies to fight AIDS and a host of other health concerns, for example, is directly linked to the influence our representatives can wield on our behalf—and much of that influence is garnered over time served in Congress.

The Bay Area has benefited enormously in the past from the influence wielded by its long-term elected representatives. For example, environmental protections which established the Golden Gate National Recreation Area—setting aside vast parcels of public coastal land in the Bay Area for all residents to enjoy—could never have been enacted by a one- or two-term member of Congress, but were pushed through by the late Phillip Burton over his many terms in Congress.

It would mean the short-term loss of local reps like Nancy Pelosi. Since arriving in Congress in 1987, she has worked her way through the ranks—quickly, by congressional standards. Our community knows well the exhaustive work she has done to fight the AIDS epidemic, on behalf of women's health issues, and a host of other major concerns. Pelosi ended up on Clinton's short list of V.P. picks for good reason; it would be a tremendous waste to lose the right to elect her to represent us.

But, the conventional wisdom goes, it's impossible to defeat an incumbent, should you want to (although survey after survey shows that the vast majority of Americans wish to keep *their* rep in office). In the current national election, fully a quarter of congressional seats will go to new members. Reform of campaign laws and public financing of campaigns would go much further to level the playing field for candidates who challenge incumbents.

Additionally, with term limits creating a constant turnover in Congress, congressional staffs and lobbyists would wield extraordinary power—far more than they currently hold—as the only permanent residents of Capitol Hill.

Congressional term limits could do untold damage to our community for decades to come. Vote No on Prop 164.

Prop 165
Anti-Welfare . . . . . NO

This is the ultimate in scapegoating legislation. Gov. Pete Wilson (yes, *him*), never particularly noted for his concern for anyone but the richest, straightest and whitest of men, has really outdone himself on this one. In the name of fiscal conservatism, Wilson has called for strict limits and reductions in welfare payments. Furthering every myth ever associated with welfare recipients, the governor has proposed to drastically slash Aid to Families With Dependent Children and a host of other benefits granted to our poorest citizens.

There is no doubt that the entire national welfare system is in serious need of an overhaul. But simply cutting funding is a barbaric way to go about it. And ultimately, it will cost all Californians a whole lot more—exponentially.

It's real simple: Money spent now on kids and families helps break the cycle of poverty and crime—social ills that carry an enormous price tag—in later years.

This brings the state of California one step closer to the medieval mentality of debtors' prisons. The people of California are better than this. Vote No on Prop 165.

Prop 166
Health Care "Reform" . . . NO

One of the primary national issues in this election year is health-care reform. Prop 166 pretends to address that issue, yet fails in many key respects. It's significant to note that this proposi-

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13th Dist . . . . . Willie Brown
Senate: . . . . . Milton Marks
Congress: 8th Dist . . . . . Nancy Pelosi
Bart Board . . . . . Jim Haas

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Prop 157 Toll Roads . . . . . NO
Prop 158 Office of Cal. Analyst . . . . . YES
Prop 159 Office of Auditor Gen . . . . . YES
Prop 160 Property Tax Exempt . . . . . NO
Prop 161 Death with Dignity . . . . . YES
Prop 162 PERS Amendment . . . . . YES
Prop 163 Snack Tax Repeal . . . . . YES
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Prop 165 Budget Process . . . . . NO
Prop 166 Health Care "Reform" . . . . . NO
Prop 167 State Taxes . . . . . YES

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Prop K Developer's Exemption . . . . . NO
Prop L Farmers Market . . . . . NO

tion was rushed onto the ballot by doctors in cahoots with the insurance industry. They hoped to forestall a more effective health-care package that a broad coalition of consumer and health advocacy groups were preparing for the California ballot in the next couple of years.

Nobody but the doctors and the insurance industry likes this measure. It requires employers to pay health care costs—whatever they may be. Many small businesses are already faltering under the weight of providing health coverage to their employees. Prop 166 will only increase that burden, as it offers no cost containment solutions for medical services. As the *Orange County Register*, not exactly a bastion of progressive political thought, noted, "The CMA's proposal... would compel businesses, even those on tight margins, to help underwrite doctors at the prices those doctors set."

And while the rest of the country has hung on by its fingernails through this current recession, the national average income for doctors has *increased* 38 percent.

We need health-care reform, desperately. Prop 166 is a thinly veiled attempt to bring further riches to the already wealthy, which ultimately hurts the economy more than helps it. Vote No on Prop 166.

Prop 167
State Taxes . . . . . YES

Against a backdrop of political ads championing small business owners who claim they would have to close up shop if Prop 167 were to pass, is the reality of this measure. It is a carefully crafted, well targeted *progressive* tax initiative, that covers a lot of ground, and goes a long way toward correcting many of the inequities in our current tax code.

Prop 167 represents a simple, somewhat elegant redistribution of wealth in the state of California. It lowers taxes like the state sales tax—an extremely regressive tax that hurts consumers more directly than any other tax—and increases taxes on those most capable of paying.

Regarding the claims of small business owners that they will go out of business: baloney. Prop 167 calls for an extra $1,000 per year tax per $100,000 of *profit*. At the same time, a small business owner will be saving hundreds of dollars on just the sales tax cuts in this proposition. You can bet that *small* business is not behind those misleading ads.

Prop 167 takes an important step toward righting many of the financial wrongs of the Reagan/Bush era. Ultimately, it brings more money into the state from those in the highest income brackets—those most able to pay—and lowers the tax burden on the rest of us. The result is a net *increase* in income for the state of California. Vote Yes on Proposition 167.

SAN FRANCISCO PROPOSITIONS

Prop B
Jail Bonds . . . . . NO

There is absolutely no doubt that the San Francisco County Jail in San Bruno is a hell hole. We've been reading a lot of well-timed publicity pieces in the local papers lately about jail overcrowding. It is a reality.

But it's time to put the brakes on. Just a few weeks ago, a study was released—to much less fanfare than the articles on overcrowding— that revealed that African-American men in San Francisco are being arrested at *ten times* the rate that they are being arrested in *South Africa*! In the absence of any sort of reasonable drug rehab programs, child welfare measures, educational reforms, or any kind of remotely feasible *preventative* alternatives, our population is being locked up in record numbers.

And to what end? Are we just going to keep spending more money on jails, all the while taking money away from social programs with a proven track record of keeping people out of trouble in the first place? As Vincent Schiraldi, of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, stated, "If the object of our criminal justice system is to have fewer victims, and not just more inmates, we are going to need to invest in our young people of all races, and not in expensive and debilitating jails."

Vote No on Prop B.

Prop H
Rent Control . . . . . YES

This ballot measure brings into line with inflation the annual allowable increase on a rental unit. The current limit was set over a decade ago when the country was gripped by double-digit inflation. When that measure passed, property owners unleashed dire predictions about how rental housing would be destroyed in San Francisco. Well, they were wrong about San Francisco's very moderately written rent control law then, and the loud landowner voices protesting Prop H are wrong today. This measure merely creates a more equitable situation for renters, and leaves intact all the protections granted property owners, enabling them to increase rents for capital improvements when they need to. Vote Yes on Prop H.

Prop J
Panhandling . . . . . NO

Nobody can walk the streets of San Francisco these days without being hit up for spare change by a street person. This experience can be anything from saddening to distasteful to frightening to enraging for all but the most stony-hearted among us.

So what are we going to do about it? Taking advantage of one of those strange quirks of human nature—that sometimes we hate to be reminded that we are surrounded by human suffering—Mayor Frank Jordan has put the so-called "Aggressive Panhandling" initiative on the ballot this fall. This measure would lock up any street person who asks you for spare change in a manner that you find offensive.

Please. Aren't we all a little more compassionate than this? Isn't this a petty "solution" to a major human tragedy, that thousands of our citizens are forced to beg for money on the streets every day because we don't have a place for them in this society?

There are the arguments—all valid—that this measure is unconstitutional (free speech), that there's no room in the jails to lock up panhandlers (shades of debtors' prison), that a whole raft of laws already address the problem of genuine assault and battery on the streets.

That is all true, and yet this measure leads by a wide margin in local polls. Frank Jordan has struck a chord with this proposition. While he condemns the mean-spiritedness of Gov. Wilson's Prop 165, he has offered an equally mean-spirited "solution" to the same problems of poverty in his own backyard. Let's rise above Gov. Wilson and Mayor Jordan's scapegoating of the poor. It's not such a big deal to give someone 25 cents if you have it, and say, "No, sorry," if you don't. I think the citizenry can handle it. Vote No on Prop J.

Prop K
Developer's Exemption . . NO

Prop K seems like a good idea on the face of it—construction jobs and expanded health facility access to the residents of the Western Addition. But Prop K's attempted end-run around the limit voters imposed on high-rise development in 1986's Prop M sets a dangerous precedent for San Francisco. When voters approved Prop M—the City's high-rise office development control measure—they established a set of guidelines for Prop M exemptions. The process of qualifying for those exemptions is costly and takes time. Prop K skirts that process—as well as many of the controls inherent in it—by going directly to the voters.

While the developer strongly asserts that this will be an outpatient clinic for an HMO, there is nothing in the Prop M exemptions that mandates the development to be for that purpose. If conditions change, the rezoning could equally apply to another massive office block.

San Franciscans fought long and hard for the reasonable growth embodied in Prop M. Let's not tear it down in a moment of collective forgetfulness. Vote No on Prop K.

Hongo Hijack

Not one lesbian, gay or bisexual group would endorse Dick Hongisto for Supervisor▾ So he hijacked a group▴ He thinks it's funny; we think it's sad▾

The Lesbian and Gay Voters Project was founded in 1989. We've been on the cutting edge of issues important to the community▴ We've stood apart from other gay groups by opposing the downtown stadium and Mission Bay▾ Our work forced the Mission Bay developer to fund a health center for ten years — a first in development history▴

We led the successful fight to block the City's settlement with the Olympic Club that would give the wealthy boys a lucrative land deal for ending its discriminatory practices▾ The Courts ordered the Olympic Club to comply with civil rights laws, minus the land deal▴

We ran a newspaper ad campaign against Pete Wilson and others of his kind▾

Now we're forced to run this ad opposing Dick Hongisto▴ The ex-Police Chief stole gay newspapers and the civil liberties of innocent citizens▾ Now he's trying to hijack our group▴

Recently, two members of our board met unofficially and made endorsements in this election▾ Our extensive process of candidate questionnaires and interviews "was not timely" enough for them▴ The two wanted to endorse Dick Hongisto — and they did▾ They believe Hongisto was wronged when the Police Commission fired him; we believe he did wrong▾ We believe he's still doing wrong▴

There are two reasons why Dick Hongisto is running for Supervisor: revenge and to raise contributions to payoff his $500,000 campaign debts▾ Neither are honorable reasons to seek public office▴ If elected, Hongisto will need to sell his vote over and over to raise enough money from special interests to pay his debts▾ This contradicts everything he ever stood for▴

Hongisto has already reversed his positions on most issues▾ He no longer supports vacancy control, now wants unlimited condominium conversions, opposes a hotel tax increase he had long championed, supports increased development, opposes the Sanctuary law he once advocated, and now wants to repeal the grape boycott he coauthored▴

We remember the good Hongisto has done for our community▾ It's hurts us deeply that he would throw it all away for personal gain and ambition▴ We've been amongst his strongest supporters, and have contributed immeasurably to many of his successes▾ We've stood with him when others would not▴ But we cannot support a politician who uses his position for self-gain at the expense of the Constitution and cherished freedoms▾ Despite our personal anguish, we cannot support the new direction Dick is heading in▴

Sadly, Dick Hongisto does not deserve lesbian, gay and bisexual support▾ We oppose his candidacy for the reasons he's running, and for the wrong he has done▴

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This ad was authorized during the endorsement meeting of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Voters Project PAC held on October 12, 1992, and attended by over 40 lesbian, gay, and bisexual activists▴ The San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Voters Project has officially voted to make no other recommendations in the 1992 election▾ Nancy Kitz, Treasurer▴ ID# 8911952

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158	California Analyst	YES
159	Auditor General	YES
160	Property Tax Exemption	NO
161	Physician–Assisted Death	YES
162	Public Employees Retirement	NO
163	Snack Tax Repeal	–
164	Congressional Term Limits	NO
165	Budget & Welfare Reform	NO
166	CMA Healthcare Proposal	NO
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C	Fire Department Bonds	NO
D	Health Department Lease	YES
E	Collective Bargaining Start Date	YES
F	Retirement Allowance Increase	YES
G	Retirement Plan Transfers	YES
H	Allowable Rent Increases	YES
I	Withdrawn	
J	Aggressive Panhandling	NO!
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The Best Endorsement That Money Can Buy

Once again, Richard Hongisto and his proxies are in the thick of a controversy in the gay/lesbian community. On Oct. 10, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Voters Project endorsed Hongisto for supervisor, along with an eclectic mixture of progressive and downtown business candidates. The decision to endorse Hongisto split the Voters Project into two angry halves that continue to hurl invective at one another. While the Voters Project may not be the most well-known lesbian/gay political action committee, it is the *only* gay/lesbian PAC or political club that has supported Hongisto for supervisor.

The Oct. 10 endorsement is opposed by Nancy Kitz and T.J. Anthony, who co-founded the Voters Project in 1989 to oppose then-Mayor Art Agnos' plans for a downtown ballpark. Kitz and Anthony charge that the pro-Hongisto faction—led by Rick Hauptman, Doug Comstock and Reuben Archuleta—was determined to grant Hongisto at least one endorsement from the gay/lesbian community.

The pro-Hongisto group wants to use the Voters Project's slate cards to support Hongisto in the upcoming election, while the anti-Hongisto faction says it will make no endorsements. Instead Anthony and Kitz say they will conduct an anti-Hongisto advertising campaign.

"This group is a splinter group. They have hijacked the voting process to support Dick Hongisto," says Kitz, criticizing the faction that has endorsed the former police chief. As you may remember, Hongisto was fired for allegedly ordering the theft of several thousand copies of the May 7 *SF Bay Times*, which had criticized him for engineering the mass arrests of peaceful demonstrators in San Francisco in the previous weeks. She adds, "I can't understand why they would support someone who tramples on lesbian and gay rights and threw people in jail without due process."

"This is all about Hongisto," declares Anthony, a former aide and fervent supporter of Hongisto—prior to the ex-chief's actions during the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict. He believes Hongisto is running for supervisor for two reasons alone: revenge and revenue.

Anthony suggests that Hongisto's election campaign is an attempt to get back at the supervisors who opposed his imposition of martial law on San Francisco during the Rodney King protests. He also believes Hongisto wants to use the benefits of incumbency to obtain political contributions in order to retire campaign debts worth about half a million dollars. "Hongisto will need to sell every single vote he casts to the highest bidder. Most supervisors' offices have typewriters, faxes and computers," says Anthony. "Hongisto's will have a cash register."

Anthony also charges that the Voters Project has violated its own environmentalist principles by endorsing Proposition K in exchange for $3,000 to pay for slate cards endorsing Hongisto. Prop K will rezone an entire block near the Kaiser Permanente and Mt. Zion hospitals so that a large office or medical center can be built on the site. The proposition is being spearheaded by Joe O'Donoghue, who owns a portion of the property affected and stands to make considerable money out of such a development.

Reuben Archuleta, a Hongisto backer and the newly appointed treasurer of the Voters Project, rejected accusations that the support for Proposition K was purchased by O'Donoghue: "At no time did we approach the individuals saying, 'If you give us money, we'll give you an endorsement.' We never did that."

When presented with the allegations that the Voters Project sold its integrity to endorse Hongisto and Prop K, Doug Comstock—a well-known Hongisto supporter—replied, "When the history of the lesbian and gay community is written, Dick Hongisto's name is going to be there before Harvey Milk's. He has been so active in the gay community for so long that he does not feel like he needs to respond to these charges."

While he admits that Hongisto's handling of the state of emergency may not have been the ex-chief's finest hour, Comstock still endorses Hongisto, stressing Hongisto's long record of support for the lesbian/gay community. Comstock also argues that Hongisto was set up by elements in the Police Department over the confiscation of the copies of the *SF Bay Times* that led to his demise. Comstock says it is "incumbent on" the gay community to support Hongisto for supervisor "now more than ever," adding, "We are not supporting him for police chief. We are supporting him for supervisor."

The fracas at the Voters Project has led to a certain degree of cynical amusement among members of the Harvey Milk, Stonewall and Alice B. Toklas democratic clubs, who say the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Voters Project is little more than a stalking-horse for whoever happens to get access to the mailing list. One lesbian/gay democratic club officer said that the problem for the founders of the Voters Project is that "any time you create a paper organization, and it is not real, you can lose control of it. It can become a monster. [Now] you have two competing groups filing to be the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Voters Project."

Robert Barnes, president of the Alice B. Toklas Club, described the Voters Project as a "nonexistent phony organization run by one or two people with no community base, no membership and no by-laws. It is just a front group for individuals to support candidates." Anthony, however, retorts that the last time the Voters Project had an endorsement meeting, almost 50 people showed up, comparable to the turnout at some of the other democratic clubs' endorsement meetings.

Ex-Police Chief Richard Hongisto did not return *SF Bay Times* calls for comment on the controversy.

RUG PULLING

Anthony and Kitz argue that the pro-Hongisto faction has been itching to endorse the fired police chief for months. Some weeks ago, Anthony says he received a phone call from Hauptman, who was conducting a phone poll of the membership to get a sense of who to endorse. Anthony says he told Hauptman that the Voters Project had never used phone polls and that a questionnaire was being prepared and candidate interviews set up.

Anthony told Hauptman, "There [will] be interviews and then after that we will vote—we are not going to have a sleazy phone poll." Hauptman replied, "No, we are not." Anthony says the phone then went dead. Relations between the pro- and anti-Hongisto factions rapidly deteriorated after that discussion. *SF Bay Times* was unable to reach Hauptman for comment.

In an attempt to resolve the situation, Anthony says a meeting was arranged on Sept. 10 at a South of Market restaurant to try and work out the differences between the two groups. But when Kitz and Anthony showed up for the meeting, no one was there. After waiting for 45 minutes, Anthony says he started making phone calls and discovered that the pro-Hongisto faction was meeting at attorney John Wahl's house. After being invited, Anthony declined to attend. The pro-Hongisto faction then endorsed the ex-chief, and promptly went out for drinks and dinner in the Tenderloin

with Hongisto to celebrate the decision.

Comstock's version is rather different. Although he admits the group went out with Hongisto afterwards, he says the meeting was an emergency meeting set up to endorse candidates after what he alleges was an attempt by Anthony to illegally endorse candidates without consulting the full membership. He asserts that Hauptman left two messages at Anthony's house requesting that Anthony call him back, but the calls were not returned.

Comstock says he only agreed to the emergency meeting when he and several other board members were excluded from a candidates' night meeting organized by Anthony. Both he and Archuleta assert that Anthony also inappropriately endorsed local initiatives in the voters handbook in the name of the Voters Project. "When we found out what T.J. was doing, we had an emergency meeting. Since the process was already screwed by T.J., he should not be calling foul," Comstock says.

Anthony says that Comstock was not excluded from the candidates' meeting because that meeting was canceled prior to the negotiation session supposed at the restaurant. Anthony also asserts that as far as the voters handbook accusation goes, "In all the times I have identified myself with the Voters Project no one has had a problem with it, and all of a sudden this is an issue and no one has talked to me!"

According to Anthony, the endorsements also violate a mediation agreement between the two groups in which they decided that the organization would be dissolved and neither side would make any endorsements.

Angie Fa, president of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club, says the decision of the Voters Project to endorse Hongisto is the result of misguided loyalty. "A handful of members of the gay community... are blind worshipers of Hongisto. They don't understand the danger [to] all of San Francisco—and in particular the lesbian/gay community—that we could lose our basic civil rights if Hongisto had remained as police chief."

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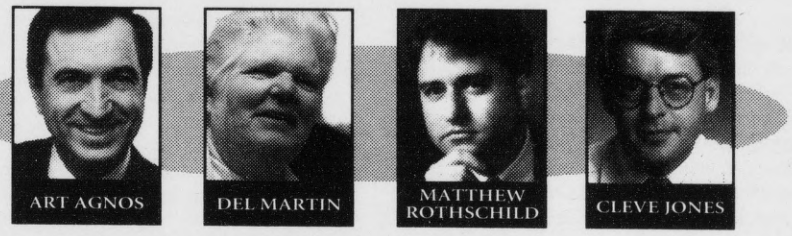

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Columbus Goes Home

But Parade & Protest Go on Anyway

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

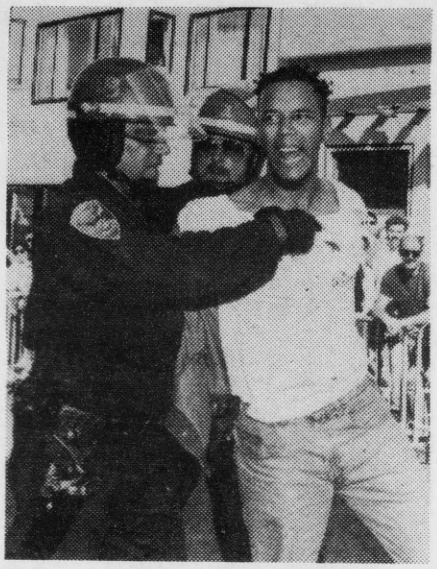
Christopher Columbus was having trouble landing on the shores of America.

No, this wasn't 1492, but 1992. The place: Aquatic Park, near Ghirardelli Square. The boat carrying a Columbus impersonator was due to dock here on a sunny but cool Oct. 11, the day of San Francisco's official Columbus Day Parade.

But thousands of protesters, under the aegis of Native American organizations and the theme "500 Years of Resistance," put a stop to Columbus' disembarkment. They were there to tell Columbus to go home; that his 500-year legacy of attempted genocide of indigenous peoples was nothing of which to be proud. As one speaker made clear, Native peoples only have "one percent" of the land they had before the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria arrived at America's shores.

Not only were whole tribes of indigenous peoples slaughtered by the European colonizers who followed Columbus, but many Native Americans were forced to convert to Christianity and assimilate into the Spanish and Anglo cultures and learn their languages.

Though the reenactment of Columbus' landing is an annual event in the Bay Area, this year was different: not only were the protesters fighting mad, angry enough to risk arrest, but it was also the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival, and demonstrators wanted to make clear that not all Americans welcomed the many official celebrations planned for the month of October. This anniversary culminated in bigger and splashier Columbus Day parades—and protests—throughout the nation.



The 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival: Not everybody was glad to see him.
Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

While the whole month of October featured Native American-organized activities celebrating the many indigenous peoples of this continent highlighting their struggles and elucidating the "myth of discovery" of America by Columbus, the focal point was clearly the Oct. 11 protest and march. The eyes and ears of the nation were on San Francisco as a fleet of small boats, designated the "peace navy," kept Columbus from his scheduled trip from Scoma's restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf to the sands of Aquatic Park.

For protesters, it was the triumph in a day that began with a 6 am Native American sunrise tobacco ceremony at Dolores Park. The grass still wet with dew, the sun greeted about 200 protesters who huddled in the morning chill, listening to sacred songs and watching a group of Native Americans smoke the pipe.

NOT ANTI-ITALIAN

Lest anyone get the wrong idea, one Native speaker made it clear from the start that the activities of the day were not intended to be "anti-Italian."

It was an important message, considering that nationally Columbus Day is a time for Italian Americans to celebrate their heritage. Indeed, for most Italian Americans, Columbus and ethnic pride are one and the same thing.

But the Native American community in the Bay Area has no problem with Italian Americans or ethnic pride. Relating that the Italian American community in Denver cancelled the Columbus Day Parade out of fear that police might rough up protesters, one Native American speaker at the Aquatic Park demo said, "It's the Italian community we have respect for. We have no ill feelings against Italian Americans."

But at least one Italian-American lesbian has "mixed feelings" about the anti-Columbus events.

Corva Radici, a member of BASIL (Bay Area Sicilian and Italian-American Lesbians), says that as an "ally of indigenous peoples' rights," she is in support of their struggle. Yet she has "a sense of fear" that her culture "is going to be erased."

"I always celebrated Columbus Day as a cultural event," Radici says. "What if the day is turned into Indigenous Peoples' Rights Day, which they deserve?"

Radici feels that Italian culture, as well as the oppression suffered by Italian immigrants, is invisible in the American fabric. She says, "It's a fact that thousands were interned and relocated during World War II, a fact that there were lynchings of Italians in the South, a fact that Italians didn't come over as a colonizing force, but because they were driven from their country because of poverty."

Also out in large numbers at the protest were queers. In addition to the "500 years of queer resistance" and Gay American Indian contingents, there were a lot of women wearing "Another lesbian against genocide" signs on their backs.

When it was announced that the reenactment was cancelled and Columbus' ship had taken another route, protesters marched to the Civic Center, led by the sacred drum and pipes and contingents of indigenous peoples, including the Gay American Indians with their "Two Spirit People" banner. With chants such as "Five hundred years of rape and hate, you got nothing to celebrate," the thousands of protesters formed a long line down Van Ness Ave. However, a small contingent of marchers turned off at Greenwich and headed toward the Columbus Day Parade.

About 40 of these marchers were arrested for attempted disruptions of the parade. A Molotov cocktail was thrown into a police car at one point; no one was injured.

The next day, Oct. 12, the Columbus holiday, a concert and rally was held at City Hall, with top name entertainers such as Santana and Bonnie Raitt sharing the bill with speakers from many different indigenous peoples. The concert was organized by Bill Graham Presents. But at least one indigenous people's group staged its own dance on the grass, trying to ignore the overpowering rock sounds of The Cult and get into the real spirit of the day. A small circle of people watched as the dancers moved to drum beats and were joined by Peruvian wood flute players.

This month finishes off with an Oct. 24 hate-crimes hearing, sponsored by United Against Genocide 92, in solidarity with the Native American peoples. The hearing runs from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison St., in Oakland. It's followed by a wrap-up and cultural event. For info, call (415) 338-6187.

But the hearing is not the end of the line. One speaker at Aquatic Park said that the Oct. 11 crowd was the biggest turnout for any Native American protest in the Bay Area. While he was pleased at the numbers who joined indigenous people in asking for an end to genocide and a recognition of their cultures, he questioned whether similar turnouts would happen for future protests.

The struggle's not over, he said.

bean **sprouts** by thom bean

Unity

One of my favorite writers, James Baldwin, said, "I am a witness. I write it all down. That's my responsibility. I am a disturber of the peace. Artists are here to disturb the peace." So, in a sense, I am here to disturb, to revisit our sense of unity.

My mission as a writer, as I see it, is to tell the truth. To promote the evolution of the individual and society; the indivisibility of private life and public life; the essential need to develop sexual and psychological consciousness and identity; to bring some constructive focus, some dignity, some significance to the experience of being a person who is attracted to those of the same gender but of another race or culture; to explore the historical significance and the potential explosiveness of color and class consciousness; to expose the global tapestry of oppression; to demythologize the prevailing ethos of American history, religion and culture; to warn of the encroachment of church on state, to point out the relationship of love to power in society's exclusive structures.

Unity plays some small part in my existence. Occasionally I have sought unity, and unity has sought me. We have shared a symbolic truce, unity and I, usually around expediency and political gain. But I am personally very careful of it, and sparing in its endorsement. Why? Because shit happens. Political agendas shift with the winds of fashion. Allegiances change, and I choose to be pro-active, not reactive, in defining my destiny. I can't do that and be unconditionally committed to decisions not made by me but by someone else who claims to represent my best interests (but seldom does). I choose to not be committed to an agenda I did not create when the rules and the circumstances change, as they always do, without my counsel or favor.

Unity is a big, imprecise word. Unity can mean oneness; a joining together. Sometimes unity means someone has an agenda with which they want you to agree. Sometimes we experience unity as homogeneous dress that identifies what we do, decorum that influences how we act, theological dogma that identifies what we believe. Unity is less challenging than dealing with difference. Unity suggests a fitting in, a sameness. Some of us will never be the same. Some of us are more comfortable with sameness than others.

In our quest for unity, we sometimes overlook cultural diversity, the non-Eurocentric view, style, reason, and anything else that gets in the way of expediency. Unity usually means agreeing to white, middle-class standards. White is a given, a norm for appearance, behavior and performance. Multiculturalism, on the other hand, means appreciating many cultures, an acceptance of difference from the Eurocentric norm. The lesbian/gay community is not monolithic. We are a microcosm of the larger community. So, while we may agree or not agree on many issues and standards, we can advocate appreciation of difference. I believe our strength will always come from the acceptance of those differences, not always from the quest for unity.

What we are is a diverse group that shares many things in common—to varying degrees. Sexual orientation is but one commonality. And how important is that—really—aside from the significance sexuality takes on in our repressive society? A more important issue we share in common is change. Toffler said: "The responsibility for change lies with us. We must begin with ourselves, teaching ourselves not to close our minds prematurely to the novel, the surprising, the seemingly radical. This means fighting off the idea-assassins who rush forward to kill any new suggestion on grounds of its impracticality, while

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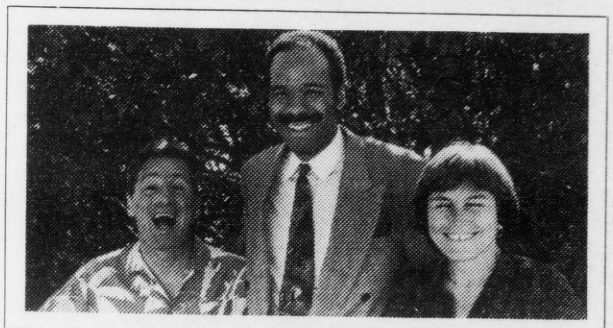

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We cannot expect coalitions—my word of choice over unity— without understanding some of the changes that are going on, and how important it is that we communicate who we are to each other.

I want to highlight what has happened to the gay media image over the last 30 or so years. In the '60s, macho whites posed in ''posing straps'' under the guise of artists' models to demonstrate physical fitness. They were all white, young and had no facial hair. And none of them used their real names. *Vector* was the first national magazine to use men with facial hair and a Black model.

There are still those among us who seek only ornamental men of a different color; who have no thoughts, no vision of what is to come; who are uncomfortable with differences that go beyond skin texture and dick size. A lot of what passes as multiculturalism today is in fact a quick role in the hay. Multiculturalism encompasses social and political concerns as well—concerns which are not being addressed adequately by most united fronts.

Also, white men who like Black men often do not look to contemporaries or men of comparable class standing. We see more older whites and younger Blacks than the reverse. Perhaps it is the nature of *all* men to look for younger, sexier flesh. A working dialogue between Black and white men on all levels has yet to be defined, though Black and White Men Together (BWMT) comes closest. Beware: We have no barriers to keep racists out of this group or any other group, but we can choose to keep racists out of our lives when we find them out. Each of us has some agenda—even if it is only survival. My issues are:

- Oppression—homophobia and all of the isms
- The exploitation of cultural differences
- Defamation and erasure of all of our voices in the media
- Church and state
- Multiculturalism
- And I have a new one: Tyranny

Tyranny is imposing on the rights of others: their freedom of choice, the right to oppose, the right to be different. We have witnessed the greatest mobilization of the religious right into the affairs of state in modern times; into our fucking right to be who we are.

Which direction are we going in? Are we going to repeal the Bill of Rights? Do we think so little of ourselves that we will allow our rights not to be spoken of publicly? Do we have less entitlement than anyone who sleeps with the opposite sex? Are we so stupid that we don't think they are actually coming for us next? Wake up! If you don't know what's going down, you'd better find out!

I want to spend a little time acknowledging some of those people who walk that walk and talk that talk; those people who live their lives according to their beliefs and values; people who make contributions for the good of others. Mike Smith, the founder of BWMT, is an appropriate example. In my interview with Mike for *The Advocate*, he said: ''Any person who's come to grips with his own minority—be it racial or sexual—is, in one sense, grateful for the affliction. For it gives him or her the opportunity to become a better human being. Gay and lesbian interracialists are dealt an even greater 'affliction,' and those of us who weather it take a special pride in the accomplishment. When you ask me if I am glad I'm an interracialist, I'll ask you if you are glad you're gay. And if you say 'yes,' I'll tell you to double that feeling.''

There are many others. Eric Rofes, Tom Horan, Assoto Saint, Craig Davidson, Zane Blaney and Pat Norman come to mind. All of these people have (had) style and integrity. All of these people have changed things, were not shy in expressing their feelings, encouraged people, believed in multiculturalism, told the truth against all odds, were assessable, were mentors, were visionaries.

I can't say that these people contribute to unity. I can't say that they were always like sunshine. I can say that they recognized they had something to contribute that wasn't going to please everybody; that they were true to their convictions and vision; that each has a dignity that inspires; that their images and messages are as important as anything we may hear, and we had better start learning how to honor the messages and the messengers so that there is some encouragement and some standard for leadership as we go on. We each have our stories to tell, our paintings to paint; if we can only learn to appreciate that, perhaps we will be that much closer to understanding a coalition much larger than mere unity.

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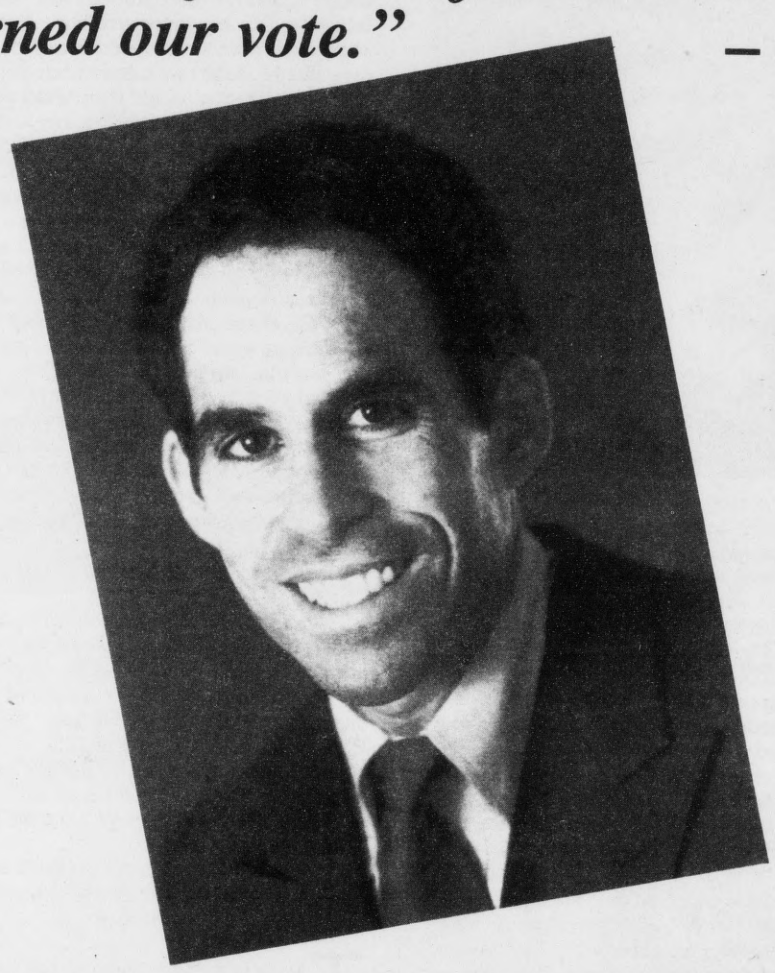

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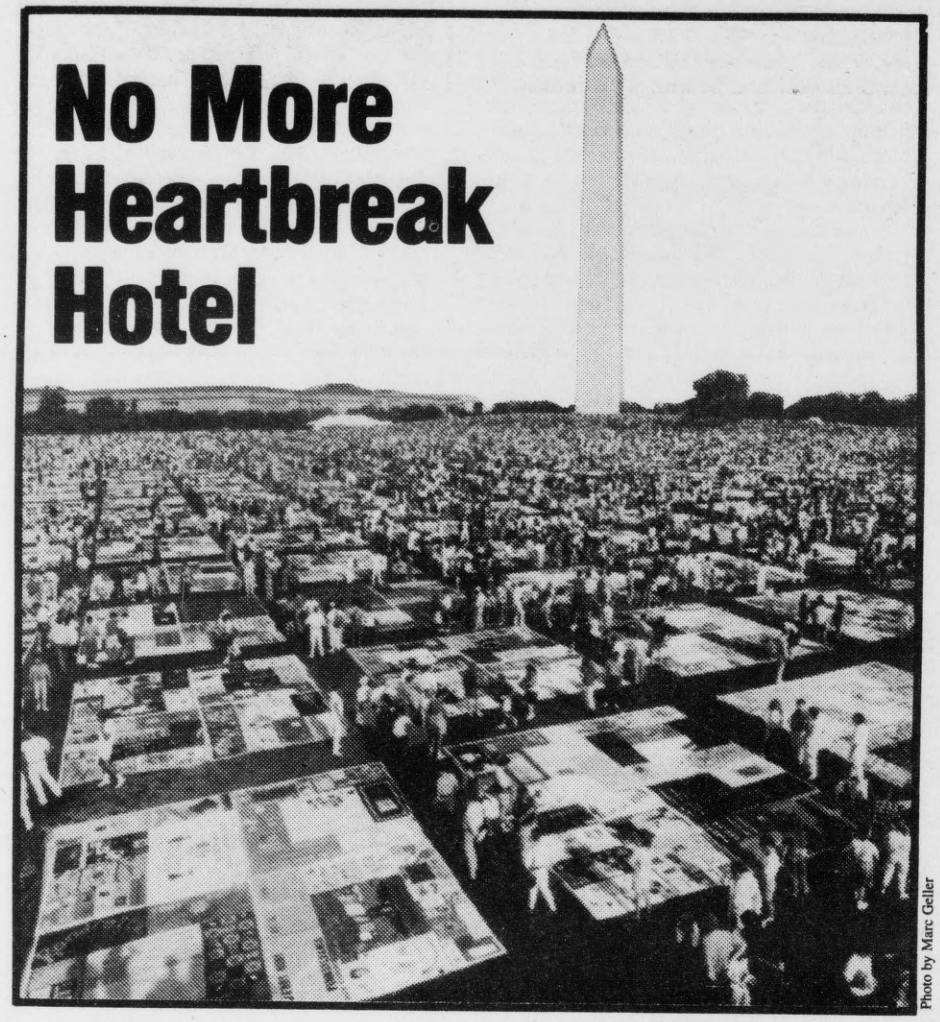

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by Phyllis Burke

I have never been to Washington, D.C., so before unpacking my bags in my hotel room, I go immediately to the White House. I have to see it, this place for which people have been willing to die, willing to kill. The most spectacular and familiar view is actually the back entrance: the lovely portico, the rolling green lawn. At the black gate are visitors from other countries, and several gay men with red ribbons pinned to their shirts. They look uncomfortable, but they want to have their picture taken with the White House as a backdrop. I understand their discomfort. I feel it too, yet we are all fascinated with this House, despite the fact that it makes announcements from time to time that we are not normal, that we are evil, that our children should be taken away from us.

The portico door suddenly opens, and who should appear but Millie, the first dog, a brown and white spaniel, followed by another dog just like her. She romps across the lawn and relieves herself in the bushes. "It's Millie!" I say, and we all strain to get a good look.

The D.C. television commentators that evening call the Quilt exhibit the most extraordinary work of folk art in this century, the highest expression of American art, a portable version of the Vietnam Memorial. And I become worried. Are our dead now just a work of art? Have we made it comfortable for those whose lives have not yet been touched to speak of this unspeakable tragedy? "Isn't it sad?" they say, "but isn't it beautiful?" Like Larry Kramer said, we're good at making people cry.

I am made uneasy by this strange thought: If people had a choice between watching the first dog relieve herself on the White House lawn, or viewing the Quilt, I tend to think they'd pick Millie. I feel it inside me: It's like laughter, but it's ugly and a little crazy. It's the American Scream.

The Quilt is rained out on the first day, and so I get onto a tour bus. Almost everyone is wearing red ribbons. I meet Sharon and Dick Savage, Methodists from Redondo Beach. They have attached themselves to a woman in her early sixties, a woman who looks much the same as they do. She had been wandering in a daze of grief and confusion in their hotel lobby. She has just become a Quilt person. She is new to it. Her son has only just died. And so they took her with them on the bus. These are "the Quilt people." They are carefully groomed, middle-aged, middle-American, and deeply emotional. We travel to the Kennedy graves, to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The rain pours. I mention ACT UP. It just comes into my mind. Dick Savage becomes agitated, tense. "They don't help things. That's not how to get change," he says. I explain that it was because of ACT UP that pentamidine became available to fight pneumocystis, that it was because of ACT UP that Burroughs-Welcome and the other pharmaceutical companies were not allowed to charge $10,000-$15,000 a year for AZT. He listens thoughtfully as the tour bus rumbles through Arlington Cemetery.

At the Washington Monument, where the Quilt was to have been displayed, the ground is soaked and muddy, and the black plastic walkways sag from the weight of the water. People are reading the names anyway. Several hundred are witnessing the reading. They cannot wait for the sun because there are over 20,000 names that must be said. Most of the readers end the list of names with, "...and my most precious son...and my beloved child...my courageous boy..." A man and woman in white stand at the end of the small ramp that the readers walk down when they have finished their recitation, and if the reader is overcome with emotion, they hold her, they hold him. You can see the White House as you watch them read the names. I cannot stand the emotion any longer, and walk, directionless, away from the public address system. On the corner I see a group of activists. I feel like running to them. They are OUT, the original D.C. lesbian-gay-bisexual direct action group. They are going to march on the White House, without a permit. Fine. I cannot stand the sound in the distance. "...my most precious son...my beloved child..."

Tammy Seltzer and Troy Willett of OUT lead the protesters, and sometimes I observe them, but more often I shout with them. This is certainly an interesting way to tour the city. You can see so much more when you are walking.

"George Bush, you can't hide. We charge you with genocide."

"Dykes and fags say pack up your bags. It's time for Bush to go."

There are mounted police now, big bay horses leading us. The horses' tails go up as they relieve themselves right in the middle of the march route. We step gingerly over the feces, and I am thankful that horses are vegetarians. We get to the White House, and begin a moving picket.

"We're here. We're queer. And this is your last year."

"We're here. We're queer. And we're not touring the White House."

There are TAC-geared riot police in combat dress every hundred feet on the White House lawn. What a waste of money.

The next morning there is sun, but the ground is still soaked. The opening ceremony—when there is no one on the Quilt, and there is silence—is delayed until noon. Yet the names must still be read. Miss America reads and comes behind the podium area, where she meets Cleve Jones, the founder of the Names Project, the man who made the first quilt. He is thrilled with Miss America. He is sure her public relations people did not want her to read the names. "Take my picture with Miss America!" says Cleve. And I understand. It is *so* queer.

I slip away, and go to the white gazebo where they give out the free tickets to tour the White House. I get into line, and chat with tourists from Massachusetts. I tell them about my lesbian partner, our child, my new book, *Family Values*. They say they will look for me when I go to Boston on my book tour in the spring. Behind me are three men wearing red ribbons. One of them is very agitated. His name is Larry Basile, and he owns a bar in Boston. He is also wearing an ACT-UP shirt. He notices that I am wearing my "Cure For The Blues" Clinton shirt, showing Bill blowing his sax on "Arsenio Hall." He played "Heartbreak Hotel." "They ought to play that for Bush," says Larry.

I ask Larry how he feels about taking the White House tour. "Nauseous!" People in the line are a little uncomfortable, but I certainly feel a lot better. "Are you curious?" I ask. "Yes. Curious. It's *our house*! We're getting ready for the eviction process." Larry and I, arm and arm, go into the White House, and Larry's lover and their friend tell me I'm a godsend. They just wanted to see the damned White House and not make a scene. Larry and I make little scenes. Nothing too outrageous, but we are definitely a presence. Larry and I especially enjoy the full-length portrait of Nancy Reagan in her red dress. Two middle-aged ladies walk up to the portrait and back away. "Isn't she cold!" one says. "Way cold," says Larry. We pass through the East Room, the Green Room, the Blue and Red Rooms. There is a glass-enclosed bookcase, and I examine the titles. The books are somewhat jumbled, as if someone had been reading them. The authors are predictable. Hawthorne. Emerson. Bret Harte. My hand goes up to the glass. It is not hallucination. Walt Whitman! Two volumes! His collected writings. Early poems. The fiction and the correspondence. The queerest lover of boys, his work on display at the White House.

Larry and I leave the White House, and he takes a snapshot of me on the front steps. "This is our house!" he says.

It is almost noon on Saturday, Oct. 10. There is a long line of people, each holding a quilt in his or her arms. They are checking in new quilts. Joyce Newstat is a volunteer. She is emotionally exhausted. She feels like a pall bearer. When she takes each new quilt, the quilt's maker follows her. They cannot seem to let go of the three-by-six-foot piece of material. They must see where it goes, where it is tacked down. Over 4,000 quilts are hand-delivered within 48 hours to the Washington Monument.

The ceremony begins. The volunteers, dressed in white, hold hands and surround the Quilt, now with over 20,000 panels. There is a moment of silence for those whose names are not written here, for those who are infected, for those who died unknown, unloved. And then it begins. A quarter million people with bowed heads walk on the black pathways. Joel Grey is reading the names now, but the stars are not the powerful per-

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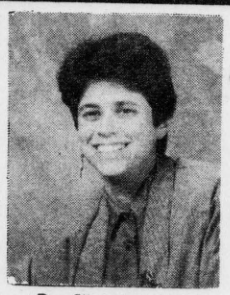

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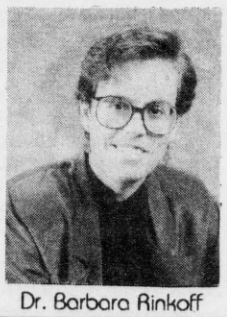

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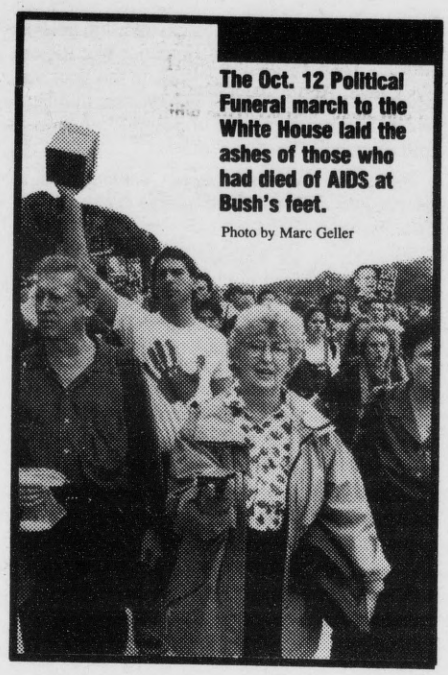

The Oct. 12 Political Funeral march to the White House laid the ashes of those who had died of AIDS at Bush's feet.

Photo by Marc Geller

sonalities here. That terrible distinction belongs to the mothers. I watch them as they carefully study the diagram that will lead them to their sons' panels. They stand silently staring at the stitchings that form their sons' names. Some of them kneel and run their hands over the panels, gently straightening out the material, smoothing the little wrinkles with careful, delicate strokes, as if they were making a child's bed. Some of them begin to rock, their arms wrapped across their breasts, the sound of sobbing lifting up and mingling with whispers and quiet shufflings. I cannot stand upon that quilt for more than an hour for fear of being pulled into the vortex of horror in those mothers' hearts.

At twilight, a massive candlelight march begins. One hundred thousand candles wind through the streets of the nation's capital, past the White House. Arm in arm, leading the march, are Michael Callen, Patty Austin, Cleve Jones, Lily Tomlin, Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey. As we reach the White House, the dignified, solemn air becomes charged. A man shouts, "Four more weeks!" and the crowd follows his lead. A woman shouts, "Shame! Shame!" and although I know the Quilt is supposed to be this nonpartisan endeavor, I find myself pointing at the White House and shouting, "Shame!" Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey and Lily Tomlin are now startled, mouths open, a little amazed. They suddenly realize they are at the front of a massive civil rights demonstration. Michael Callen and Cleve Jones do not miss a beat. The shouting intensifies, and someone thinks to sing the quintessential African-American civil rights anthem, "We Shall Not Be Moved." The intensity increases. There is a crushing feeling in the march, an intensity not particularly "quilt-like." Lily and Joel slip out of the front of the line and take a side route to the Lincoln Memorial. Liza Minnelli walks all the way, although someone has stepped on her foot and broken the heel of her shoe. She manages to walk without an apparent wobble. She is, after all, a trooper.

We walk along the reflecting pool in front of the Washington Monument. The moon is full, and beneath it, opposite the monument, is the massive statue of the seated Abraham Lincoln, who faces the crowd. There is a spectacular beauty here, and I am afraid—afraid that we have indeed become just a beautiful piece of powerless art. The staging is monumental. There are lights and huge screens that project the images from the stage far back to the furthest candle. Minnelli, clearly overwhelmed, so much like her mother, wishes us nights of counting stars, and tells us that she is sure, now, that no one ever dies. There are sad songs. There is stillness in the air.

Cleve Jones takes the stage. The hundred thousand candles are lifted to greet him, and the crowd sings "Happy Birthday." He bows his head, then begins to speak. It is not the speech we are expecting. He vows to stop counting the quilts, to stop counting the names of loved ones lost, and to instead count the days to the end of the Bush presidency. There is a cheer in the crowd that crescendos into a single rolling voice, a certain notice of eviction.

In the candlelight, I can see the faces of some of these Quilt people, especially the mothers. They are riveted to his words. They are middle-class, middle-American women, and the candles tremble in their hands with the first hint of rage. And in that moment, I see in my mind the Argentinian mothers and grandmothers who defied the generals. Every Monday they walked on the Plaza de Mayo, wearing white kerchiefs to indicate that they held the generals responsible for the deaths of their children, who were called "los desaparecidos," the disappeared.

Cleve Jones' voice echoes along the reflecting pool as he calls out to President Bush, "We have worn red ribbons and sewn our quilts and raised our candles to an ever darker sky....You will not continue. We will not permit it." There is no sobbing, no rocking now among the mothers, and the red of their ribbons has become the blood on the hands of the Bush administration. "We know that you are our enemy," says Jones, "And we will count the days and we will bring you down." Hypnotically, Jones raises his arm and forms a fist with his hand, and the arms of the mothers, the heart of middle-America, slowly rise. They form their hands not around sewing needles but into fists held still in the air, and there is the shout of one elderly female voice, "We will bring you down!"

On Sunday, Oct. 11, ACT UP scattered the ashes of gay men who had died from AIDS onto the White House lawn. On Monday, Oct. 12, 5,000 people held hands and circled the White House. The demonstration had been called by ACT UP, but it was also announced at the Human Rights Campaign Fund dinner the previous evening. Among the 5,000 were Cleve Jones; Sharon and Dick Savage, the gentle Methodists from Redondo Beach; and my new friend, Larry Basile, from ACT UP/Boston.

We will bring them down on Nov. 3. It's *our house*.

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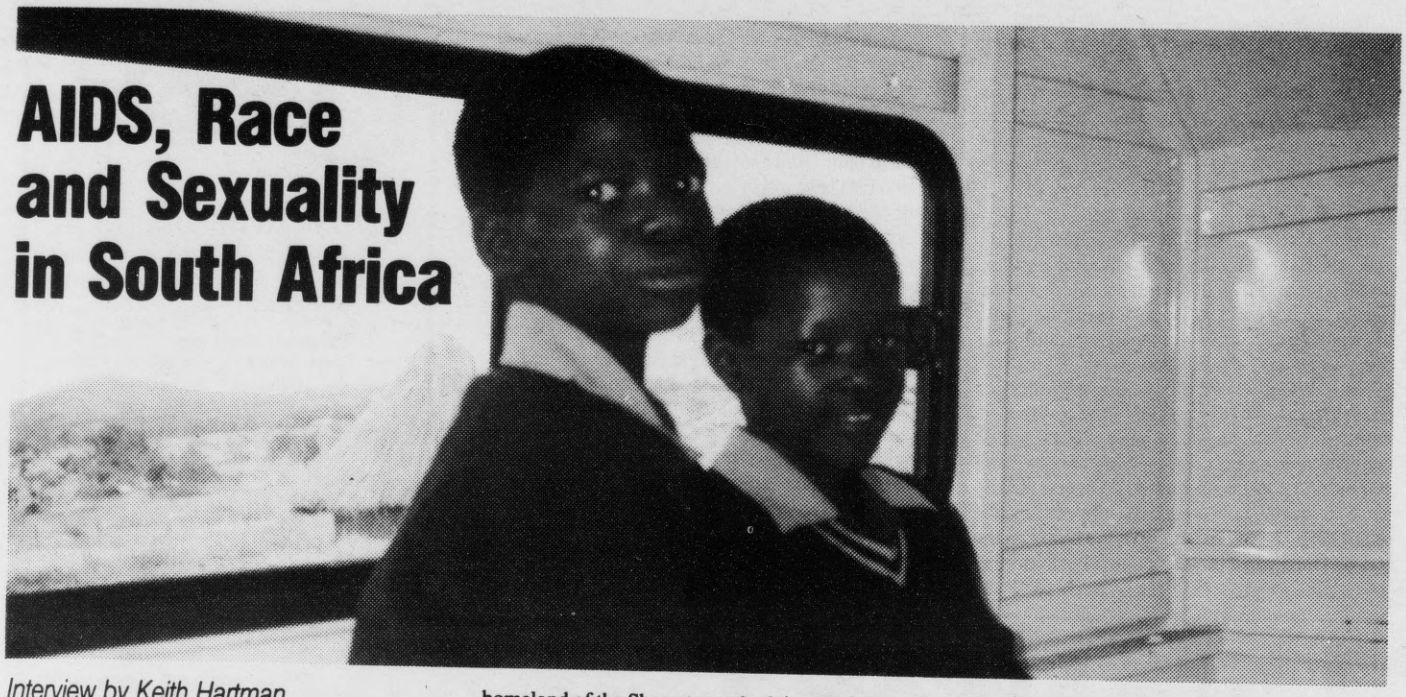

Interview by Keith Hartman

Deborah Green is an African-American medical student who spent the past year in South Africa studying the prevalence of HIV infection in the tribal homelands. She received a Fulbright Scholarship for her work, and she is now back in that country, continuing her research and setting up house with her white South African girlfriend. Green talks about her experiences with race, sexuality and AIDS in South Africa.

(SF Bay Times) Where in South Africa were you doing your research?

(Green) In the very north of the country, in the part called the northern Transvaal. There's a homeland there, one of those gerrymandered regions that the white people created. The homeland of the Shangaan, which is called Gazankulu. I was working out of Ilem Hospital in Gazankulu.

I understand you were testing for two types of infection: Hepatitis-B and HIV.

Yeah. When I got there they kept telling me that HIV is extremely low in the region, and they don't really need to know very much about it because they don't have any. Yeah, right. But they did admit that they have a lot of hepatitis. The rates of liver cancer are extremely high. But no one seems to care, because we're talking about rural Black people.

Did you have any trouble getting people to donate blood for the tests?

No. We had a 5 or 6 percent refusal rate, which is very low. Most people respected the white coat, because the hospital does its best, and it does make people better. The health care isn't great, but we send clinics out to the villages every month. No matter how tiny your village is, it's visited by a bunch of nurses who give shots and hand out contraceptives and take care of minor things and refer people back to the hospital. So doctors have a pretty good name.

South Africa: The spread of AIDS, virtually unknown here six years ago, is now approaching the levels currently decimating Equatorial Africa.

And then I had my translator, Ella. She's a 60-year-old Shangaan woman.

Sixty?

Yeah, 60. So, we'd go to a village—and we'd be trudging up and down these little paths, climbing over rocks and stuff—and I'd ask for blood. Or basically Ella would ask for blood because I only knew a little Shangaan. And almost everybody gave Ella blood. For one thing, she knew everybody. And for another, she was a 60-year-old woman and they respect 60-year-old women.

But sometimes we'd go up to someone, and she'd start talking in Shangaan and they'd talk back, and this would go on for ten minutes. And then she'd say, "Deb, they won't give us blood."

And I'd say, "Why won't they give us blood?"

And she would say, "Because they have demons."

Meanwhile they had been talking for a good ten minutes. But that's all Ella would ever say. "They have demons." I could never get anything else out of Ella.

So what did the prevalence turn out to be?

Hepatitis is 9.3 percent. HIV is very low, as they said.

It just hasn't penetrated the region yet?

Precisely. Because Gazankulu is so far away from a big urban center, and also because South Africa as a whole is still politically isolated from the rest of Africa. For a long time, they didn't have any cases, really. There was a paper published in 1989 about a study of miners done in 1986. And out of 14,000 miners, something like three were HIV-positive. And none of those three were even South African, they were from Malawi and Zimbabwe. Now, six years later, they estimate that 14 percent of miners are infected.

It does seem strange that AIDS would be decimating Equatorial Africa for so long and leave South Africa unscathed.

But there's no border exchange, you see. For a long time, if you had "South Africa" stamped in your passport, you couldn't even travel to another African country. Six years ago, AIDS was almost unknown in South Africa. But the South African government did nothing. And now it's approaching the levels that it is in Equatorial Africa.

Among what populations in South Africa?

It's pretty much out of the risk groups and into the general population. Paraguana Hospital, which serves Soweto, the black township outside Johannesburg, reports that something like 10 percent of all the people who walk in the door are testing HIV-positive. And that's a huge number. We're talking 10 percent of Soweto, which is a million people.

But since these are people coming into a hospital for treatment, the sample is probably a little biased.

Probably a lot biased. The most realistic estimate I've heard is that one in 40 people in South Africa will be infected by the year 2000, which is only seven-and-a-half years away.

What is the state of AIDS awareness in South Africa?

Everyone is aware of it, but there are a lot of misconceptions. A lot of people still think that it's a gay disease. And there are some particular misconceptions in the tribal homelands, where they still use Sangomez.

Sangomez?

Witch doctors. One of the problems we have with infectious disease in general is that there's this strong belief that if you have something, the way to get rid of it is to give it to someone else.

Oh no.

Yeah, wonderful idea. But think about it—it works. Say your kids come down with measles. You send them out to play with some other kids. Eventually your kids get better, and the other kids get the measles.

Also, a lot of people in the Black community have trouble with the prevention measures, using a condom. Besides abstinence, a condom is the best form of prevention we have. But they think that it's just a white ruse to keep Black people from having children. There are a lot of misconceptions.

I understand you've settled down now with a white South African woman.

Yeah, Tessa. We live together. We have a cat and a dog. We're thinking about what country we're going to work in, what kind of house we want to live in, how many children we want to have. It might all fall apart, but still right now it feels like a marriage.

And what are attitudes toward lesbians like in South Africa?

The Europeans at the hospital took our relationship in stride, it wasn't a big deal for them. But the Shangaan, they'd never met or even heard of something like lesbians. And they thought it was really cool.

There is no native Shangaan idea for women couples?

No. I know there are some stories from Venda (a nearby tribe) about lesbian-type people—I mean, women that lived together and raised families together. But the Shangaan had no concept of a lesbian relationship, no preconceptions about it. They just know that I came along and started living with Tessa, and then Tessa was much happier. So they thought it was a good thing. And on top of that was the fact that I was also much happier once I moved in with Tessa, so they thought it was a very, very good thing.

Did anyone raise any eyebrows about a Black woman and a white woman dating each other?

That's just it. No one thought I was Black. I mean, I would get into arguments with people about it. Like the chief of police of Luichicart. Luichicart is this Afrikaans town, and it's about as Afrikaans as you can get. These are dyed-in-the-blue, Bible-thumping Dutch Reform Church Afrikaaners, who don't believe women should work, who don't believe that Blacks are people.

Anyway, Tessa and I were sitting in a bar in Luichicart, which theoretically I shouldn't have been allowed to sit in. And the chief of police walks in. And we start talking with him about all sorts of things. People would talk politics with me, because they knew I was an American. I just open my mouth and they would know. So we start talking about Blacks and I, of course, mention that I'm a Black American. And he said, "No, you're not."

And I said, "Yes, I am."

And he said, "No, you're a Negro."

And I said, "What's the difference?"

And he explained that they consider Black Americans people, but they don't consider Black Africans people. All the laws have changed now, but two or three years ago they would have

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stamped my passport with "Honorary White."

The whole situation is very strange. Even Black people didn't think that I was Black. They would just laugh and say, "Nah, you're European."

How did they come to that conclusion?

Well, for Black South Africans there are three types of people. There are Afrikaaners, there are Blacks and there are Europeans. And European was the only category I fit into. I don't dress like a Shangaan or a Zulu or a Xhosa. I don't talk like a Shangaan or a Zulu or a Xhosa. Culturally I'm indistinguishable from a European in their eyes.

It's a bit of a disappointment, you know. For all practical purposes, for all the Black people there, I'm white. No matter how much I work on my tan, no matter how curly my hair is, they just can't see me as one of them.

Were you much affected by the violence and political upheaval going on in South Africa?

Not in Gazankulu. We're so far away from everything. And also the Shangaan are notoriously laid back. Just like we have Irish jokes, and stereotypes about different groups, the tribes have the same things. Like the Shangaan think the Venda are dirty; and the Venda think the Shangaan are stupid. But they all pretty much get along. Up there, the Venda and the Shangaan intermarry all the time. Most of the nurses at Ilem were half Venda and half Shangaan, so they spoke both.

But because they're not Xhosa and they're not Zulu, they're pretty much outside the big clash in South Africa right now. That's between the Xhosa, who support Mandela and the African National Congress, and the Zulus, who support Buthelezei and Inkatha. But the only people who support Inkatha are Zulus, and rural Zulus at that, and if there is one unifying figure in Black politics, it's Mandela. So most people in Gazankulu are ANC supporters, but most of them really don't care that much. I mean, if you ask them they'll say, "We support the ANC and Mandela." But for the most part, a lot of people just want to stay out of it, because they just seem to be killing each other. Especially the older people. The younger people are more militant.

What is life like in the homelands?

People live in huts. Well, actually, four or five huts surrounding a courtyard, depending on how big their family is. And each hut is a separate room. There's one to cook in, one to sleep in, and one just to hang out in. And actually they are marvelous things. Tessa and I lived in a hut, except that when white people live in them they're called "rondavels." Which is just the Afrikaans word for hut.

Every three or four houses have at least one tap and the water is good. But right now there's not much water to be had. There's no electricity, no telephones. But some of the wealthier Blacks have generators hooked up to their huts, and a lot of people have TVs that run off car batteries. The Shangaan still do all their cooking over an open fire, which is a problem for us because a lot of children come into the hospital with burns.

Also, when the Afrikaans divided the land, they gave the Blacks the worst land. And they squeezed a lot of Blacks into a limited space. So it's overgrazed, and there's a lot of erosion. It looks pretty barren.

There are some nice parts, like Valdezia. The government tried to get all the people who lived in Valdezia to move. And while the people living in Valdezia didn't really refuse to move, they took their time about it. And it's just so far away that nobody ever got around to taking it from them. So Valdezia has nice land. It's got trees, more trees than anywhere else. Wonderful avocado trees and paw-paw trees—just wonderful trees. But all the other villages are pretty barren. They've cut down the trees for firewood, and goats have eaten up a lot of stuff.

People aren't starving in Gazankulu. And unless there's a drought they probably won't, because every household has a male member who's working in Johannesburg, or someplace, and they send home money. So the situation is not really desperate. There is work, and Black people can get it. But it's only unskilled jobs.

There are two education systems in South Africa, one for Black people and one for everybody else. And the Black education system is geared to produce a not very literate, not very intellectually curious worker. All the boys are taught how to garden and dig ditches, and all the girls are taught how to knit and such—and that's what they learn in *school*. It's to assure the white population of a labor force. Somebody really thought about how to design this system. It accomplishes what the white people want it to accomplish. It's a particularly nasty system. But no one is starving. It's not like Somalia.

I wish everyone in South Africa would go to a place like Gazankulu. White South Africans don't even know that places like that exist. I was talking with someone on the plane about it, and apparently they don't even learn where Gazankulu is on the map. No one has even heard of Gazankulu. These people were raised in Johannesburg or Capetown, and they don't talk about the homelands in school. They kind of know that there are homelands, and that those are where Black people live. And they kind of know that the Black people were sent there. But they have also been taught that Black people want to live by themselves with other people of the same tribe, so they don't worry about it much. And they have absolutely no clue what these places are like. They have absolutely no clue whatsoever.

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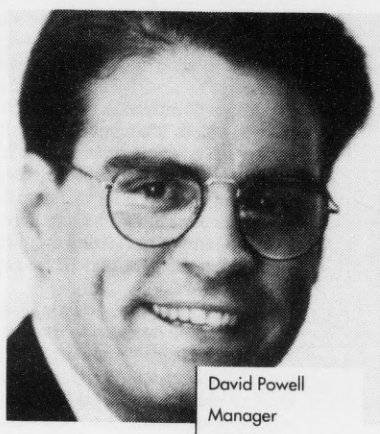

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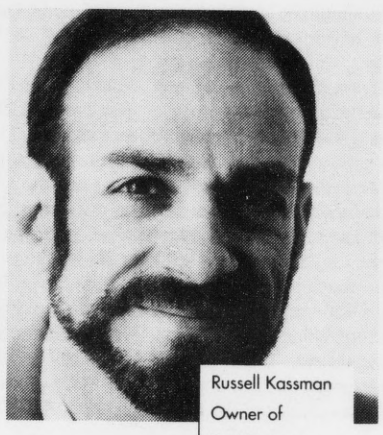

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We're All in the Same Vote

I've lived most of my adult life under Republican rule; I was 23 when Ronald Reagan was first elected president. As an adult gay man, I've watched my country swing hard to the right. I've watched gay-bashings rise even as my community made minor cultural and legislative strides. I've watched as, early on, the media and the government all but ignored a disease—because it struck the disenfranchised—that would wipe out a good portion of my friends and loved ones and a huge block of my community; and even as the media finally caught on, the government did nothing. I've watched homelessness increase a billion-fold in the past 12 years (yes, there was actually a time when the street homeless population was practically nil; many who are on the streets now were then in federally funded institutions before Reagan gutted health-care spending).

Now, apropos that information, I have a confession to make: I haven't voted in a very long time. Oh, I've been registered, and have had, come voting day, nothing but good intentions. But you know how it is: first there's the hair to gel, then there are pencils to sharpen, newspapers to read, friends to call, cat hair to Dustbuster, new lube to try out, and on and on.

But that's all over now: I'm *definitely* voting on Nov. 3. Because I have a score to settle. There's a certain president, who shall remain nameless—BUSH!!—who I *personally* want to escort from office.

"But, Dave!" you cry. "What do you have against George Bush? He's a nice enough guy, if you like whiny, vomitous, right-wing, Halcion-ingesting, Red-baiting, gay-hating, powerboat-skippering, mendacious ex-CIA spooks."

You're right. But I've got just three words, babe: *stance on AIDS*. We've gone over *ad nauseum*, in this space, the way our mumbly, boy-in-a-tree-fort president has vilified gays and lesbians, people with AIDS and anyone who deviates from the perceived norm set by his rightist cronies. We've talked about Bush dissing ACT UP at Kennebunkport. We've talked about him cynically trying to co-opt Magic Johnson for his National Commission on AIDS. (I'm sure you know by now that Johnson recently quit the Commission in disgust with Bush's fearful foot-dragging.) We've talked about the way Bush has fobbed off responsibility for even *appearing* compassionate onto his wife, whom he apparently feels should be awarded some kind of medal (and new hairdo) for cuddling the occasional AIDS baby.

If you missed all that, here's this: a word-for-word transcription of Bush's statement on AIDS during the first presidential debate (held Oct. 11). To give yourself some respite from understandable teeth-gnashing, see if you can count the syntax lapses. And see if you can spot, in the resulting confusion, the man's utter lack of principles. Note, too, that the latter segment of his statement was accompanied by much Dana Carvey-ish hand-waving, finger-jabbing and fist-pounding. The questioner mentioned Magic Johnson's resignation, then asked, "Where is this widespread feeling coming from that your administration is not doing enough about AIDS?"

Vote for change. Vote for Clinton/Gore. Vote Nov. 3. Photo by Marc Geller

Bush:

Coming from the political process. We have increased funding for AIDS; we've doubled it. On research and on every other aspect of it. My request for this year was $4.9 billion for AIDS—*ten times* as much for AIDS victim as for cancer victim. I think that we're showing the proper compassion and concern, so I can't tell you where it's coming from. But I am *very* much concerned about AIDS, and I believe we have the best researchers in the world out there at NIH working the problem. We're funding them—I wish there was more money—but we're funding them far more than any time in the past, and we're gonna keep on doing that.

I don't know—I was a little disappointed in Magic because he came to me and I said, "Now, if you see something we're not doing, get *a hold* of me. *Call* me. Let me *know*." He went to one meeting, and then we heard he was stepping down. And he's been replaced by Mary Fisher, who *electrified* the convention by talking about the compassion and the concern that we feel. It was a beautiful moment and I think she'll do a first-class job on that commission. So I think the appeal is, yes, we care.

And the other thing is, part of AIDS—it's one of the few diseases where *behavior* matters. And I once called on somebody, "Well, change your behavior. If the behavior you're using is prone to cause AIDS, change the *behavior*." Next thing I know, one of these ACT UP groups is out there saying, "Bush oughta change his beha—" You can't *talk* about it *rationally*. The *extremes* are hurting the AIDS cause. To go into a Catholic mass in a beautiful cathedral in New York under the cause of helping an AIDS and start throwing condoms around in the Mass—I'm sorry, I think it sets back *the cause*. We *cannot* move to the extreme. We've *got* to care. We've got to continue everything we can at the federal and the local level. Barbara, I think, is doing a *superb* job of destroying the *myth* about AIDS. All of us are in this fight together, all of us care—do not go to the extreme.

Just so's you know: he's lying, again. Mobilization Against AIDS, the SF AIDS organization, released a statement last August noting that Bush's $4.9 billion figure is way wrong: federal spending on AIDS was well below $2 billion last year, and the actual amount that reached the National Institute of Health—where research gets done—was only slightly above $800 million.

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Still not convinced?

Well, *viz* the "character issue," maybe you'll agree that, if nothing else, the man's a dweeb, a dink, a dork. In the Nov. 1992 *Vanity Fair* (the issue featuring a Liz cover and, I refuse to note, a Calvin Klein ad spread showing Marky Mark grabbing his willie in boxers), Marjorie Williams writes that when influential conservative *New York Times* columnist William Safire wrote a 1988 op-ed piece offering Bush sardonic political advice for that year's campaign, Bush returned a copy of the column scrawled with "ingratiating responses."

Writes Williams: "In the thick of his career's most important campaign, Bush took the time to respond to every one of Safire's ponts with comments such as 'Agree,' 'Right On!!' and (in response to Safire's instruction that he work to establish his own identity in the voters' minds) a plaintive 'Doing that but not many know I am doing it.' He attached a winsome note—framed with the column—saying, 'I liked this column... Working hard. A lot of stuff rubbing off on me right now but no "panic" on my part. Thanks. Best wishes.' "

The guy would write a thank you note to his assassin.

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So it's clear that things need to change.

Bill Clinton has offered a tough AIDS plan: He's committed to appointing an "AIDS czar" and plans to increase spending for research, among other things. He has said he'll sign an executive order banning discrimination against lesbians and gays in the military. And he's said he'll sign gay and lesbian civil rights legislation.

Granted, it all may be wank and cant; it all may be political hoo-ha. As president, Clinton will be hampered in his first term by re-election fears, especially if his victory's narrow. And it's true that he's earned the "Slick Willie" sobriquet: a couple of months ago in Oregon, where right-wing groups have placed an anti-gay ballot referendum, Clinton refused to refute the measure, even going so far as to say that he's opposed to "an affirmative promotion of the homosexual lifestyle." This is the same man who earlier in the year had offered that fierce AIDS plan at a gay/lesbian Hollywood fundraiser.

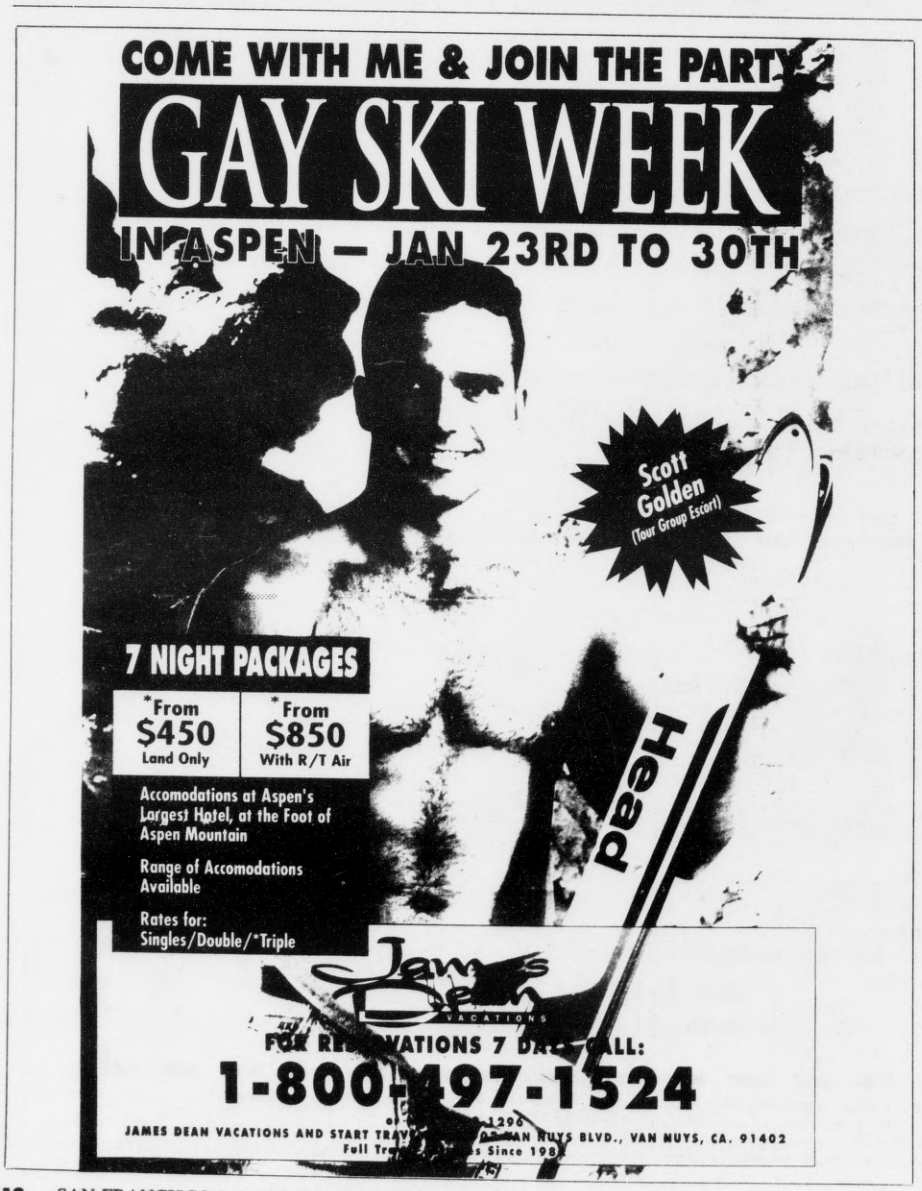
And as Michelangelo Signorile correctly points out in the Oct. 20 *Advocate*, the far right has been courting power in corporations, the media and local governments for a solid decade, and won't stop with a Clinton presidency.

So Clinton is far from perfect; so's a Clinton presidency. Given those quibbles, however, it's also true that he's not only a palatable alternative to Bush, he shows the *potential* to be a forceful leader. And if nothing else, because Clinton won't be head-locked by right-wing extremists, the *symbolism* emanating from his White House will be more gay/lesbian-friendly than any we've seen before—*ever*.

So I'll make you a deal. I promise, absolutely, to vote Nov. 3 if you do the same. Vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Rather than a shrieking protest of continued governmental neglect, let's make next April's March On Washington a celebratory event. With Clinton and Gore in the White House, we can have a post-March picnic—say, fried chicken, butter beans and cornbread—and tractor pull. *Anything* but another march decrying another four years of Bushdom.

It really *is* time for a change.

And not just of hairstyles.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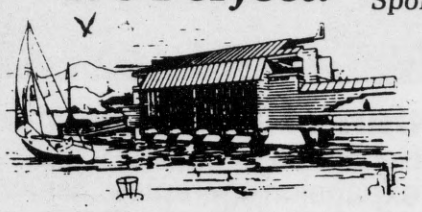

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Bishops Call for Defeat of Prop 9

PORTLAND, OR - As election night nears, queers in Oregon have received a welcome show of support from the mainstream clergy: Bishop Robert Ladehoff of Oregon and Bishop Rustin Kimsey of Eastern Oregon released a pastoral letter to all parishes recently, calling on Episcopalians to consider Measure 9, the statewide initiative that would legalize discrimination against gays and lesbians, in light of their duty to "strive for justice and peace among all people."

The bishops reminded Episcopalians that "the Episcopal Church has acted consistently in affirming that homosexual persons are children of God, entitled to all the sacramental and pastoral resources of the church, and that their basic human rights deserve to be safeguarded."

Measure 9, proposed by the right-wing Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), would overturn gay rights laws in the state as well as mandate that homosexuality is abnormal and perverse.

In other developments, a court in Oregon has issued a temporary injunction against gay activist Scott Seibert's use of a name similar to the OCA. Seibert registered the name Christian Coalition of Oregon, he says, before the OCA registered theirs. Multnomah County Circuit Judge Donald H. Londer asked that Seibert not use the name until after an Oct. 23 hearing. Seibert opposes Measure 9, and wants to use the Christian Coalition of Oregon group name in his anti-9 literature.

Meanwhile, the San Francisco-based American Association of Physicians for Human Rights says that the initiative in Oregon and a similar one in Colorado threaten the health, safety and well-being of gay/lesbian/bisexual Americans. The group says that the proposals would exacerbate an already hostile climate for gay people, in which hate crimes are at an all-time high.

And in Denver, Colo., 300 clergy have signed a petition against Amendment 2, which attempts to ban gay rights legislation in the state. "We don't want hatred and bigotry written into the state constitution," says Rev. Gilbert Horn, director of the Colorado Council on Churches. The backers of the amendment say they will do their heaviest TV ads closer to the date of the vote because of limited funds. At this point polls show voters leaning against the measure. But a last-minute deluge of pro-amendment ads worries gay/lesbian activists.

Both Measure 9 and Amendment 2 are on the November ballot.

Queer Religious Leaders To Meet

NEW YORK - In conjunction with the fall meeting of the National Council of Churches (NCC), reps of most of the lesbian/gay Christian caucuses and the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will meet in Cleveland Nov. 10-13 to share concerns and to attend the NCC.

Although the Fellowship's application for NCC membership (originally filed a decade ago) was suspended last May, it applied for observer status with the ecumenical body. It's unlikely the Fellowship will gain the necessary approvals. In the meantime, the NCC has been moving toward closer ties with the Fellowship.

Susie Bright: Too Hot for KFI

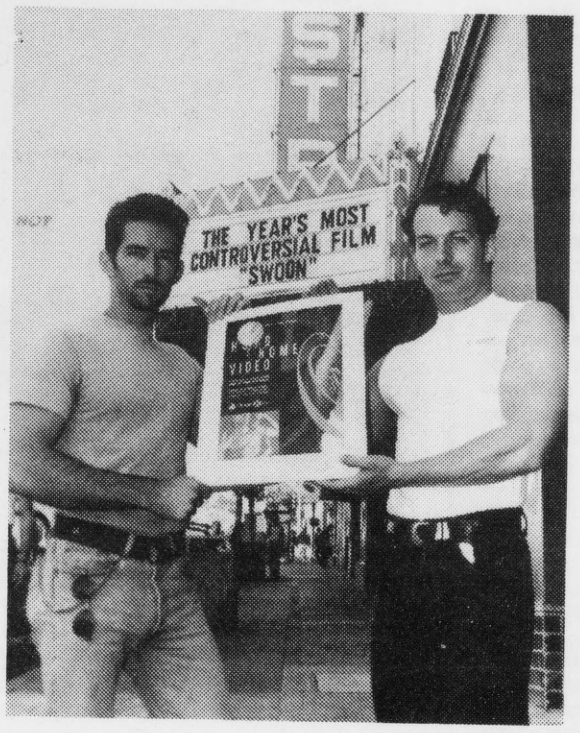
LOS ANGELES - Radio station KFI cancelled an appearance by lesbian sexpert Susie Bright three hours prior to airtime. This is Bright's first cancellation.

Bright, in L.A. for her Back-to-School Book Tour, was scheduled for a two-hour interview and listener call-in show to promote her new work, *Susie Bright's Sexual Reality*, published by Cleis Press. KFI Producer Larry Schwartz called Cleis Press to say that the show was canceled due to the subject matter. Questioned as to why the show was canned, Program Director David Hall told Cleis Press that he wondered whether it was possible to do a two-hour call-in show about sex without "crossing station guidelines."

Cleis Publicity Director Lisa Frank reminded Hall that Bright has been interviewed by broadcast media numerous times and, as an anticensorship spokesperson, is probably better informed than most guests. Apparently that cut no ice with KFI.

Better Homos & Gardens Is Catchier

LOS ANGELES - Speaking of censorship, the Meredith Corporation, publisher of *Better Homes & Gardens*, forced the queer 'zine *Better Homos & Gardens* to change its name to *Turbo Queer*.



Falcon models pose outside Castro Theatre, where winners of HOMOMOMEVIDEO, a nat'l safe sex video contest, will be screened during the 1993 Int'l Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. Photo by Rex Bruce

The first African-American Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual & Transsexual Conference, presented by Mary Midgett, took place Oct. 17-18. Photo by Rink

Meredith, claiming trademark infringement, filed suit against Dan Levy, publisher of the 'zine, stating that "the content of the defendant's publication includes nude photographs and articles, poems and stories with homosexual themes and descriptions of homosexual sex." Furthermore, the suit charges, "to associate such examples of nudity and unwholesome humor as contained in defendant's publication with plaintiff's characteristically wholesome magazine... would clearly have a tendency to impugn that product and injure plaintiff's reputation."

The winter issue of *Turbo Queer*, due out in December, will feature works by Phranc and Tim Miller.

Colon to Play at Fest

PUERTO VALLARTA - Singer Willie Colon, whose latest release contains a song about a gay man with AIDS and who has done several AIDS public service announcements, will appear at the jazz festival in this Mexican resort on Oct. 30.

Writing a guest opinion piece in Miami's *Vista Magazine* recently, Colon says that his song lyrics ask for compassion for those with AIDS. "Practice understanding, forgiveness towards those who—through their own fault or not—are afflicted with AIDS," he writes.

The Vallarta jazz festival runs from Oct.

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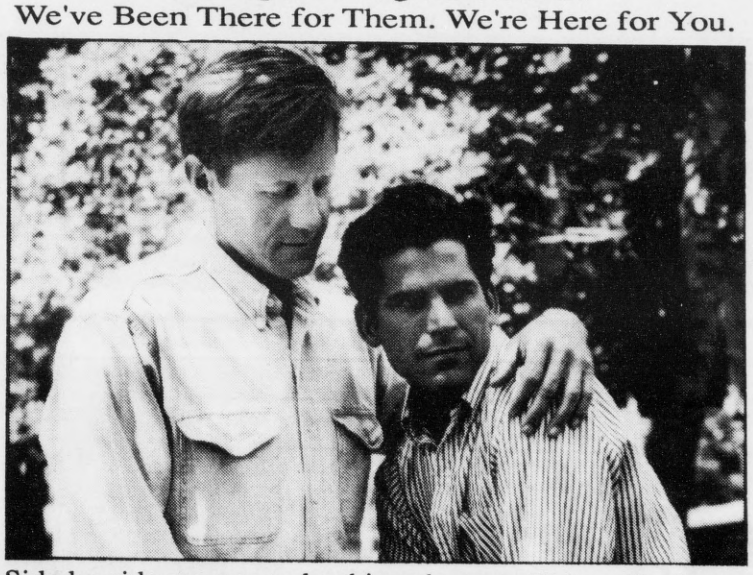

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Chavez Helps Women's Way

SAN FRANCISCO - Anna Chavez, co-anchor on KPIX-5 News, will be the honorary chair for the Women's Way, a women's and girls' 5K walk on Nov. 15 in Golden Gate Park. The event is expected to raise $50,000 for local organizations providing services for women and girls, including La Casa de las Madres, Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, and the YWAC Girls' Programs.

The walk starts at 9 am at the Conservatory of Flowers on JFK Drive in the park and proceeds along a flat, scenic course ending at Sharon Meadows. Registration is $12, if submitted by Oct. 31, and $15 the day of the walk. For more info, call (415) 431-6944.

Achtenberg Honored for Domestic Violence Work

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg received the "Recognition for Leadership in the Struggle Against Domestic Violence" award from the Commission on the Status of Women for her work on the Board of Supervisors on behalf of domestic violence.

"I am very proud to be the recipient of this award," said Achtenberg at a special ceremony in the City Hall rotunda. But despite any accomplishments on the issue, she said that "we must continue to address the seriousness and pervasiveness of domestic violence and the long-term effects of this crime on our society."

Fundies Say No Anti-Gay Drive—For Now

SOUTH PORTLAND - Maine's Christian Civic League is temporarily calling off a petition drive against gay rights laws in this state. The city of Portland is about to hold a referendum on such a gay rights measure.

The fundies are awaiting a court decision on whether their bid to make all gay rights laws a public referendum issue is legal. The State Secretary of Maine is challenging them in court. Given the expected time line for a decision from the court, this means the fundie-sponsored referendum will not happen in 1993.

In honor of Nat'l Coming Out Day, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence went into the Bank of AmeriKKKa at Market and Castro to announce that their Halloween Party bank account would be "coming out" as part of a nationwide protest organizing individuals and groups to withdraw their money from the bank that supports bigotry.
Photo by Rink

Will Hawaii Legalize Gay Weddings?

HONOLULU - The state Supreme Court is hearing whether gay and lesbian couples should be legally allowed to marry, even as two justices have expressed skepticism about the state's ban on such unions.

Dan Foley, the attorney for three gay couples filing the suit, is "encouraged" about the outcome of the case. But he's not saying which way the court may go. There's no indication at this time how soon a decision might be issued by the court.

Make Your Own Erotica

SAN FRANCISCO - The AIDS Foundation is sponsoring an erotic safe sex video contest—Homo Home Video—along with Frameline, the organization responsible for the annual International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, and Falcon Studios.

Falcon will lend its considerable technical expertise via several workshops for novice filmmakers. Anyone can enter the contest. Frameline will host a special evening at the Castro Theater next June to show clips from the best entries. Falcon models will present the awards on stage at the screening.

For info, write: Homo Home Video, Box 426182, SF, 94142-6282.

Board of Ed Keeps Gays

SACRAMENTO - The good news is that the California Board of Education's Policy and Planning Committee presented the latest Health Education Framework, the foundation document for health education throughout the state, with gay/lesbian info intact. Fundamentalists have opposed any reference to gays/lesbians/bisexuals.

The bad news is that it's not the best document as far as its discussion of gays/lesbians/bisexuals. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area chapter plans to press for "the most inclusive Health Framework possible" right up to the last possible moment. The board discusses the Framework again in November, although final adoption is not expected until December. Stay tuned; it could be a bumpy ride.

The Alliance Holds Big Bucks Fundraiser

SAN FRANCISCO - Over 600 people paid $175 each to attend an Oct. 3 fundraising dinner for the Alliance, California's oldest and largest lesbian/gay political action committee.

Keynote speaker Kathleen Brown, state treasurer, criticized Gov. Pete Wilson in her address, and hinted at the possibility of her own candidacy for his job. This year, the Alliance is expected to give out $65,000 to municipal, state and federal candidates who support equal rights for gays/lesbians.

Go to College & Rape Co-eds

WEST HARTFORD - A new student hate newspaper called *The Misogynist* says that one of the top reasons to go to college is to "rape co-eds."

The paper, a dozen copies of which have surfaced at Hall High School, also describes feminists as "man-hating, bra-burning" lesbians.

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Students and school officials are not pleased. Principal Elaine Bessette said the paper was distributed without the permission of the school. She said it goes beyond the bounds of the First Amendment. "My assumption was that it was parody, a spoof," says Bessette, "but they crossed a line. Most adults enjoy satire, but a rational person would not think this was funny." She plans to consult with police as to whether the paper constitutes a hate crime.

No Guests at the Inn

RUSSELLVILLE, KY - A gay male couple has opened a gay bed and breakfast inn in this small town in Kentucky, but there are no takers so far.

The locals were none too pleased about the new establishment: at first owners James Turner and James Cates received death threats and obscene calls. But after the American Civil Liberties Union called a press conference to ask for more law enforcement support for the inn, Turner and Cates found they actually had some friendly neighbors. "We've even had some neighbors come and visit," says Turner.

Unfortunately, though, the two can't do any advertising right now. The money for ads was used up on added security for the inn.

Yes, Virginia,Gay Rights in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY - If Virginia was dismayed at the possibility of no Santa Claus, she'd be even more surprised to learn that the Salt Lake County Commission made history when it recently passed two ordinances prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in county employment and services.

The ordinances, the first ever in Utah's history to include gays/lesbians/bisexuals, were passed after an August poll showed that 65 percent of the citizens of this conservative Mormon-dominated state agree that gays/lesbians "should be protected by laws against housing and job discrimination."

First CFIDS Demo Held

SAN FRANCISCO - About 50 people, some with Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome (CFIDS), demonstrated in support of Dr. Jay Levy, a leading advocate for research into the condition, at the George Moscone Center on Oct. 12. Levy was speaking at a bio-tech expo which was being held at the center.

Pamela Strong, an organizer of the demo, told *SF Bay Times* that the demonstrators were called together by a new Bay Area group, CFIDS Action Network (CAN). She says that the demo was probably the first of its kind in the country. The protesters called for more research into CFIDS.

Chem-Free Dances for Women

SONOMA COUNTY - Tired of hangovers after an evening of fun? Check out Rainbow Express, the chem-free dance and social alternatives for, by and about women in and around Sonoma County.

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BITS & PIECES

"A Family of Pride" will be the theme of gay and lesbian pride celebrations in 1993. That was the decision of 160 pride coordinators from across the U.S., Canada and Germany at an Oct. 9 meeting in Long Beach... The First Annual African-

The Tenderloin Self-Help Center organizes the disenfranchised to register to vote.
Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

American Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and Transsexual Conference was held in San Francisco Oct. 16, 17 and 18. Speakers included activists Randy Miller and Gwen Craig. Workshops were held on Domestic Violence, Youth & Family Issues, Disabilities, and Safe Sex, among others... Sports photographer Cheryl A. Traendly has just released *The Women—Gay Games III Vancouver, Canada*, a book that highlights lesbian participation in this international event... The Centro Nacional por Los Derechos de Las Lesbianas (National Center for Lesbian Rights) is publishing its newsletter in *Espanol* in an effort to reach Lesbianas Latinas all over the country. Contact the center at (415) 621-0674... On Nov. 11, at 7:30 pm, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Lawyers for Human Rights and the L.A. chapter of NOW asks, "Why is Lesbian-Feminist Still a Dirty Word?" at a forum at the National Council of Jewish Women, 543 N. Fairfax Avenue in L.A. Admission is $5-10 on a sliding scale. Call (213) 463-3632 for info... Robert C. Caviano, a music business veteran and founder of LIFEbeat, the music industry's leading AIDS relief organization, died Sept. 22 in Manhattan from AIDS-related complications. He was 42... The Pennsylvania Association of Realtors will approach the National Association of Realtors at its Nov. 12-17 convention about including sexual orientation in the organization's nondiscrimination policy...To commemorate its seventh year, the ARC/AIDS Vigil in San Francisco is sponsoring a protest at the Old State Building, 455 Golden Gate Ave., at noon on Oct. 27. Call (415) 567-5412 for info... Bored with the usual Halloween fare in town? Try this: mixed doubles tennis, lesbian-style (butch-femme vs. butch-femme). It's the Second Annual Lesbian Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, a benefit for Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. The event begins at 8 am and runs until 5 pm on Oct. 31 at Mills College in Oakland. Call (415) 346-2336 for info or tickets... J. Craig Fong, an attorney with ten years experience, takes over the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's Western Regional Office in L.A... The state attorney general in Kentucky is asking the state Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling that nixed the state's sodomy laws.

AP and PGN also contributed to this report.

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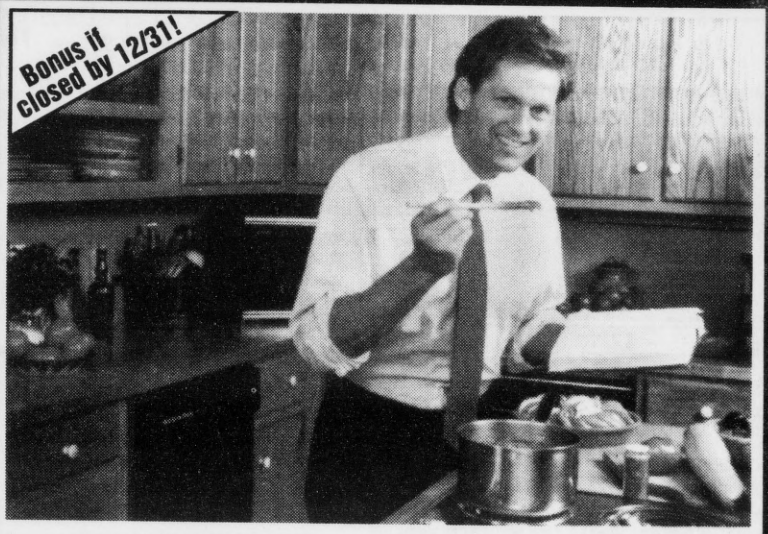

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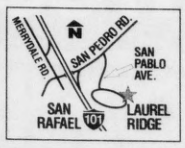

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Pneumocystis Prophylaxis: Conant Reports TMP/SMX Desensitization Procedure

The most effective treatment for preventing pneumocystis in persons at risk, whether or not they have already had pneumocystis, is believed to be the drug combination trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX, also called Bactrim, Septra, and various other brand names in different countries). There is also evidence that the same treatment provides substantial protection against toxoplasmosis. The drug is not expensive and is taken orally.

The major disadvantage of TMP/SMX prophylaxis is that half or more of persons with HIV (compared to only about 3 percent of the general population) cannot tolerate the drug, due to skin rashes, fever and other drug reactions, which in rare cases can be life-threatening. No one knows why persons with HIV are more likely to react to this and other drugs. But the consequence of the drug reactions is that many people have had to switch to less effective forms of pneumocystis prophylaxis, such as aerosol pentamidine.

Desensitization procedures, in which persons are started on tiny doses of a drug and then the doses are gradually increased, have long been used to overcome sensitivity to certain important drugs such as penicillin. And since 1986, there have been several reports in the literature of desensitizing persons with HIV to TMP/SMX. But until recently, only a few patients had been treated, and the desensitization procedure usually was done in a hospital, so the method did not come into widespread use.

At the Eighth International Conference on AIDS, Marcus Conant, M.D., a leading AIDS specialist in San Francisco, presented a poster on outpatient desensitization procedures. Since then, Dr. Conant and his associates have revised the procedure, and prepared detailed instructions for physicians, patients and pharmacists, so that TMP/SMX desensitization can be used more widely. We did not reproduce the instructions here; instead, we will outline what the procedure involves, and provide a phone number so that physicians can get copies of the information packet.

The current procedure was tested in 25 persons with HIV; their average T-helper count was 87. All had had TMP/SMX reactions, but those who had had very serious reactions (such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome) were excluded.

The desensitization procedure lasted eight days. On the first day, patients used a one-to-one million dilution, prepared by a pharmacist, of a commercially available liquid form of TMP/SMX. Four escalating doses were taken at six-hour intervals from an oral syringe; at the end of the day, the syringe and any remaining drug in it were discarded. Each day the concentration of the solution was increased ten-fold. The patient followed an identical procedure for each of the first seven days (making sure to use the right syringe for each day); on day eight, the procedure was different, ending with a double-strength TMP/SMX tablet, which patients then continued to take every day.

This procedure was successful in 21 of the 25 patients. They have now remained desensitized for an average of over three months. But side effects during the desensitization could be severe; 12 of the 25 patients required treatment with prednisone to suppress the reaction to the drug. Another physician in Dallas used the same procedure and desensitized 24 of 25 patients; however, the one failure developed Stevens-Johnson syndrome, a very serious reaction, and later died due to complications.

Many other safety precautions were taken. Each patient took the first dose in the physician's office and remained there for an hour. Each needed a friend or other person as home monitor, to watch them after each dose and get help in case of anaphylaxis (a rapid and extreme allergic reaction). Patients were told to drink three liters of water per day, use a sunscreen if exposed to the sun, and not interrupt the therapy even for a day or two (unless treatment must be discontinued), because allergic reactions can occur when treatment is restarted. Frequent physician calls to patients and office visits were important for a successful outcome.

This list of precautions is not complete. Obviously the desensitization procedure involves significant risks and must be done under a physician's supervision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Dr. Conant's office has prepared an information packet which includes an explanation and protocol for physicians, written instructions for patients, and instructions for pharmacists on how to prepare the drug dilutions. To obtain a copy, health-care providers should call Christopher King, (415) 661-2614.

Psychological Health and The Immune System

by Jason Heyman

Throughout the history of the AIDS epidemic there has been ongoing debate about the effects of psychological well-being and stress on the immune system. Current research is beginning to show scientific evidence of an effect, but controversy continues. At this year's International Conference on AIDS, a presentation by Jeffrey Burack, M.D., and others, reported that T-helper counts of depressed patients dropped 38 percent faster than those patients who were not depressed. Burack's work, titled "Depression Predicts Accelerated CD4 Decline Among Gay Men in San Francisco," studied 330 HIV-positive patients between 1985 and 1991.

Dr. Burack explained the different mechanisms through which the treatment of depression might actually slow disease progression. "Depression has been shown to impair immune response in the laboratory, so there might be a direct effect of depression on the immune system. Also, depressed persons may be less likely to seek out or stick to appropriate medical care for HIV and may be more likely to engage in risky or unhealthy behaviors."

Currently, Dr. Burack is collaborating with the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) in San Francisco on a study of interventions for HIV-related depression in gay men, called the Positive Education Project. The interventions include two types of group discussion sessions. One is informational, offering patients direct access to information about AIDS and the treatments they are taking. The other is a psychological/emotional support group. For more information or to enroll, call Derek Aspacher at CAPS, (415) 597-9141.

This program is just one of many studies looking at psychoneuroimmunology, a new field of science examining the interrelationship of psychology, neurology and immunology. Because of the large amount of research in the field, this article only addresses the psychological and social factors such as stress, depression and social support.

BASIC RESEARCH ON PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS AND DISEASE

Much of the most compelling research in this field has not focused on AIDS, but on other diseases, such as cancer. While not directly applicable to the case of AIDS, the results do give support to claims that psychosocial factors play a major role in the progression of disease. But its precise role in the pathogenesis of AIDS has not been determined.

The most scientifically sound evidence of a relationship between stress and illness was detailed in "Psychological Stress and Susceptibility to the Common Cold," published in 1991 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In a carefully designed trial, research subjects were exposed to cold viruses and then quarantined and monitored for the development of symptoms. The researchers found that the rate of infection was directly related to psychological stress.

Similar evidence was found in a Stanford University study on the survival of 86 women with metastatic breast cancer. For one year, the women took part in group therapy sessions where they were encouraged to share their experiences and form bonds with the other women; they were also taught self-hypnosis to control pain. In a follow-

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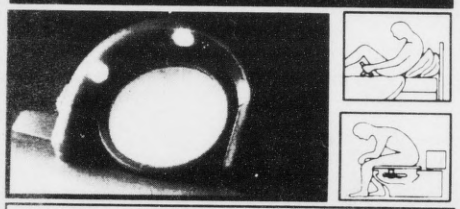

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up study ten years later, the researchers found that the women who participated in the psychosocial interventions lived an average of two years longer than those who did not.

An intriguing fact about the study is that the researchers did not expect to see an effect. "We intended, in particular, to examine the often overstated claims made by those who teach cancer patients that the right mental attitude will help to conquer the disease." The study was mentioned Oct. 4 in the *New York Times Magazine* in an article about the mainstreaming of alternative medicine.

CURRENT AIDS-RELATED RESEARCH

The success of the Stanford study may soon be replicated with a group of HIV-positive people. A UCLA study led by Margaret Kemeny, PhD, is now offering free, intensive group therapy that will focus on quality of life and stress management. The project is the outgrowth of previous research by Kemeny, who found that chronically depressed people with HIV had a much steeper decline in their immune system over a five-year period. The UCLA Group Therapy Project is now enrolling symptomatic, HIV-positive, gay and bisexual men between ages 25 and 45. In a comprehensive review of current research into the relationship between psychological health and AIDS, another group of researchers found that the stress of being HIV-positive or having AIDS could influence the course of infection. In their review of about 40 studies, they examined the contradictory results, and found that many questions have yet to be answered. The majority of the studies, however, seemed to show a positive correlation. The authors were cautious about interpreting the positive results, but argued that they demonstrate the need for further research.

Understanding the relationship between immune function and psychological state is very difficult, according to Leon McKusick, a psychiatrist with the CAPS program in San Francisco. For example, it is almost impossible to figure out if someone's depression is causing an immune dysfunction or if the reverse is true—that is, the immune dysfunction is causing depression. McKusick said that although it is generally accepted that some correlation exists, it has not been proven that a behavioral intervention has a direct effect on immune status. In the case of AIDS, he explained, it is very hard to determine causality. "Although we may all agree that one's psychology affects one's immune parameters, interfering might not help."

A few studies have shown that interventions can have a direct impact on the immune system of HIV-positive people by enhancing psychological health. Researchers at the University of Miami studied the impact of an aerobic exercise training program on 39 gay men, 16 of whom were HIV-positive and asymptomatic; the others were HIV-negative. After a five-week training period, the HIV-negative volunteers had average T-helper increases of 220, while the HIV-positive volunteers, who began with an average of 905 T-helper cells, only increased by 50. The researchers point to the sometimes minimal positive effects seen in antiretroviral therapy and conclude that further research into the role of exercise for stress management should be pursued.

Other treatments that were reported at the conference to have some beneficial effect on psychological well-being are: art therapy, an attention training program, a 12-step recovery program, psychospiritual counseling, and social support.

COMMENT

A basic approach in traditional medical systems is the connection between mind, body and spirit, known as holism. In traditional Chinese medicine, for example, this connection forms the basis for most medical practices. Psychoneuroimmunology seems to be Western science's attempt to understand and integrate these views. The word psychoneuroimmunology can itself be understood in its three parts; psyche (spirit), neuro (mind) and immunology (body). Both psychoneuroimmunology and holism are concerned with the interaction of these various parts, and the effect one might have on the others.

Some of the controversy that surrounds holism also applies to psychoneuroimmunology. Critics argue that they both lead to a "blame the victim" mentality, by making a patient responsible for his or her own illness. On the other hand, the possibility of increased compliance with other therapies and improvement in the quality of life are very positive aspects of this approach.

Also, because psychological treatments and exercise do not have counter-indications with drug treatments, or any noticeable toxicities, they can be an effective complement to an HIV treatment strategy. But only when we have scientifically sound research on the importance of psychological health in a person with HIV will many more people take advantage of what seem to be very useful and safe treatments.

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Letters...

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writings in lesbian and women's publications, writing as a lesbian, including writing about his "lesbian" sexual experiences?

When I said "No" to this man, lesbianism seemed incomprehensible to him. He probably now says that he always felt he was a woman, which is what "transsexuals" commonly say, but he didn't then. He told me about his life and he never thought he was anything other than a man. He certainly never thought he was a lesbian.

Men expect access to females. They don't like taking "No" for an answer. Many men find lesbianism sexually titillating and it is commonly portrayed in male pornography. Some men decide that they want access to lesbians any way they can and decide they will become lesbians. Lesbians are a remarkably loving and tolerant people; but they are also a very hated people, and many have internalized this oppression.

Some lesbians who are harsh and condemning of other lesbians will be warm and accepting of non-lesbians, especially of men who decide they want to be with lesbians. I believe lesbians' acceptance of men ("transsexuals") as lesbians comes partly because we don't want to reject anyone the way we have been rejected. I think it also comes from self-hatred.

How else can lesbians really believe that men can turn men into females, and that the male medical profession can create lesbians? Are females really just the absence of a penis? Would we so easily believe that European-descended surgeons could turn European-descended people into Native Americans, Africans, Asians and other peoples oppressed by those of European descent?

If "transsexuals" are women, why don't they understand the need and right of an oppressed group to meet on our own? Instead, "transsexuals" don't want to just be lesbians, but insist, with all the arrogance and presumption of power that men have, on going where they are not wanted and trying to destroy lesbian gatherings (like the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival) and getting into power positions in lesbian organizations. (Even while the man who harassed me still had his penis and was "pre-operative," he became vice president of the Daughters of Bilitis and was an invited performer at one of the first lesbian conferences in 1973.)

I can't believe that after 20 years, we are still being forced to deal with this issue, not just by men but also by women. We have so little left. Males have access to the world in a way that females never do. Now even most "women's" space is open to males. Why is there so much support for males, including "transsexuals," always at the expense of females? Why can't males and their female advocates just let us keep the rare, precious, female-only spaces, including publications?

How would you feel if a man who once sexually harassed you was welcomed as a lesbian at one of the only places you thought you were safe from men, or you repeatedly had to read about his "lesbian" sexual experiences in women's publications?

Bev Jo
Oakland

No to Needless Suffering; Yes to 161

Several years ago a very dear friend of mine was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. A strong and vibrant woman with a zest for life, she faced her illness bravely, yet the final months of her life were a nightmare. The pain and suffering she experienced became so intense that she called the hospital almost daily requesting that she be given something to allow her to be released from the torture of an incurable disease. Painkillers offered no relief in those final months, and all of us who loved her watched helplessly as her condition and the quality of her life deteriorated.

What hit all of us closest to her was not her death, a final release from the agony, but the fact that she had to endure so many long months of torture. My friend had spent her life giving generously to all those she had come in contact with, yet in those final months before her death her wish to end her suffering went unheeded.

There is something basically wrong with a society that forces people to suffer needlessly... that offers no alternative to a slow, agonizing death. It seems barbaric in this day and age to refuse terminally ill people the right to choose how to end their lives.

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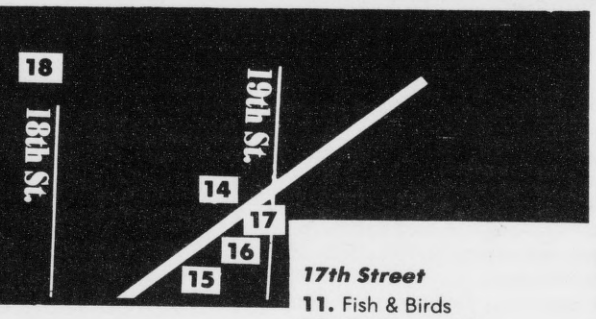

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On behalf of all those who have lost someone to a terminal illness, who have watched the suffering, I encourage all Californians to vote yes on Proposition 161. It is a matter of love and compassion and, most importantly, an individual's right to choose to be released from life in a dignified, peaceful manner.

Barbara Lightfoot
Oakland

Blue Death Overhead

I was at a Safeway in a working-class neighborhood in San Francisco on a bright, sunny Saturday afternoon when the Blue Death roared overhead, below the normal flight paths and above permissible sound levels, drowning out conversation and instilling fear and anger as only war machines can.

We all agreed that The Blue Angels show for Fleet Week was a gross waste of tax dollars and oil, and that the tax dollars would be better spent on human needs, such as food, housing, medical care and cures for AIDS and cancer. There was not one voice of support for this annual event, which has gone on for the past ten years or so, supported by all of our Democratic mayors.

Clearly, the war the military is planning is not the war on poverty. To all of us, it seemed to be the war on the poor.

Lee Heller
San Francisco

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In turning his back on such savings, Wilson has shown the same disregard for the economy as in his efforts to roll back marijuana decriminalization and increase prison sentences, at a cost of hundreds of millions more. The first step to saving California's economy should be to recall Gov. Wilson.

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Hard Orbs in A Soft Aspect

Well, yeah, the Sun is going into Scorpio right about now... Oct. 22 at 8:57 pm Pacific Daylight Time, to be exact. If you're noticing an air of compulsion and challenge, of driving desires, it's also because Mars is trine Pluto, now until Nov. 7.

Mars is the "butch" planet, for better or worse. Trine to Pluto it brings out everyone's more masculine side, but (with Mars in Cancer and Pluto in Scorpio) it has a very moody, sensuous, erotic oomph. These next two weeks will be selfish, forceful, arrogant and libidinous. The next two weeks will be wonderful for erotic hi-jinks or projects that require obsessive drive. Logic and moderation are very weak now, but if you remember to step back from your situation and work at calm objectivity, you can indeed keep an evenhanded attitude.

The aspect is harmonious even if the planets involved have a reputation for their potential for violence. I'm not ruling out trouble (be careful when you go out!), but the rough side of these planets is more likely to be released playfully, rather like the jousting play of teenage boys, or sex play getting rougher than usual. (When in doubt have a safeword. And remember the universal safeword, which is "safeword"!)

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Now, more than ever, you're like a wild beast in heat. Territorial issues are up for you. Tigers mark their space by pissing at the boundaries. You'll have to find something a little more fitting for human society, but you're in no mood to be sophisticated. You could (theoretically) focus much of that energy into house cleaning and throwing out clutter. That can also work at a psychological level. This Day of the Dead you may need to do some intense grieving, perhaps a keening, for your dead. Anger ties in with grief and with lust. Sex can be especially powerful now, but be real clear on what it's about for you now.

TAURUS: Your compulsive drive now is for expression, but few others are placing that much importance on listening. What you have to say is too important to waste on the inattentive and the forgetful. If it is indeed as important as you believe, it's worth phrasing precisely. There's one way to get it. Write. Your insistence on being heard—really *heard!*—can go beyond your usual persistence into pushy, aggressive, and invasive. Remember that you are now operating at high levels of desire and illogic; it's a great time for writing love poetry, porn or war stories; lousy for thoughtful business reports or logical arguments.

GEMINI: Everyone is being a bit pushy lately and you're no exception. This is not a good time to *ask* for a raise, but it's a perfect time to show through your work that you deserve one. Even if you're self-employed or running your own company, your hard work is very profitable right now. Your energy is high. It's easy for you now to see what's important, to focus on a task and make sure it gets done. In fact, it's easy to obsess, so take a break now and then and re-evaluate the task at hand.

CANCER: You're feeling awfully playful and energetic lately. That will last a couple of weeks, so be careful not to wear your friends out too soon. They'll have trouble keeping up, but that's OK. With your sudden burst of sexy charisma, you'll easily find plenty of others! You could burn off all that energy in parties or sports. You could reign as Slut Queen of Sodom. You may prefer to focus all that energy into some constructively creative activity. Your creative juices are gushing; how and where you release them is your affair!

LEO: Your friends probably expect you to be the spectacular headliner of all the Hallowe'en festivities, but the stars show you in a very quiet, introverted mood through this week and next. Anyone who disturbs your privacy could even see your rare and terrible temper. It can be a good time for solitude and self-examination. But you can also reconcile the stellar energies with your usual openness and generosity by putting lots of energy into community work or charitable activities.

VIRGO: Your mind is racing these days, perhaps in tight little circles around nothing in the present reality. Stop occasionally and look for signs of obsession. That's not a big challenge, but something you need to be careful of now. Your political acumen is pretty sharp now and—with some effort at staying flexible and responsive—your strategic skills may be at their height. But be careful when you talk with others. You're coming across heavier than you intend, perhaps bitchy and pushy without so meaning. This is an ideal time for writing out and considering (perhaps re-considering) long-range goals, hopes, ideals, and/or manifestoes.

LIBRA: You feel compelled to assert your competence. It could indeed be that people in authority are holding you down or simply failing to recognize your true worth. Or maybe not. On the one hand, you can indeed push yourself and attain the recognition you crave. On the other, your usually impeccable grace and timing are on vacation right now. It would be much too easy just to be a pushy, obstreperous pain in everyone's tush. Your drive to show your true worth will only be successful if you take time to consider the feelings and desires of those you are trying to impress.

SCORPIO: Even at easy, simple times, you can overpower people. This is no easy, simple time. Well, it's easy for you, but simple for nobody. Your sign is famous for quiet, but unmistakable power held deep within. This week and next it is neither quiet nor held within. You are a tremendous force, either as one of the Sirens or the Furies. You need to let out your lust and/or rage, to explore new and better ways to fly, howling through the skies. You could explode, a terror among innocents. Better yet, make sure you have opportunities to go freely berserk—against appropriate enemies or among the gods. *Happy Birthday, Francesca Dubie!*

SAGITTARIUS: This is your Hallowe'en for some heavy-duty magic. Traditional death and grieving rituals will be very powerful for you, offering the chance to clear out ghosts and lingering pain. Your psychic channels are wide open now. If you suppress your energy you will risk violence. If you open it up you may feel overpowered. Make sure you have safe space to open up that energy and get comfortable with it. Indeed, with a little experience you can get very comfortable and express that energy as a nearly irresistible charisma.

CAPRICORN: Your partner is being a real obstinate pighead right now. Of course it couldn't have anything to do with how you're acting, could it? Your expectations on others are very high right now. You're putting perhaps too much energy into relationships. With slow, patient thoughtfulness, your political energies could be honed to razor-sharp efficiency, but such patience is a severe trial right now. Fucking and fighting both look real good right now. Make sure you have an appropriate and consensual outlet.

AQUARIUS: Stop, think, count to ten and think again before you go into work or deal with authority of any sort. You are working hard and definitely deserve some sort of recognition. Alas, in this world we don't get what we deserve. Your rebellious streak is especially feisty now and especially at work. You can (breathe deeply!) tell the boss that you feel you've been putting a lot of yourself into it and are entitled to something. On the other hand, it would not be constructive to get into a hissy about how you're surrounded by unappreciative sphincters.

PISCES: Baby wanna play? Of the two fish in your constellation, one is utterly saintly, a true angel. The other is a twisted little mudscraper and likely to be rather prominent right now. You are feeling playful and perhaps unaware of how selfish and insistent your playfulness can be. Be in touch with your dark side and perhaps you can harness it into some deliciously perverse activity. If you want to be the perfect angel right now, be very clear on your desires and either get them out of the way, or channel them constructively. Your creative powers are strong, but very tied into that selfishness. Indulge any artistic urge, but know that you're doing no favors for the aesthetic world nearly as much as you are fulfilling your own personal needs—and that too is a worthy purpose!

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Women's Country Western Dance Class: 7-9 pm in the Eastbay tonight & 10/30. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

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At Gaia Bookstore: Sandra Ingerman, author of *Soul Retrieval: Mending the Fragmented Self Through Shamanic Practice*, describes the loss of the soul in childhood resulting in psychological dysfunction, and how to use shamanic techniques to "journey" into the client's experience and "retrieve" the soul. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

The Sick & Twisted Players in Halloween & Halloween II—see 10/22.

"Ya Gotta Know Somethin' 'Bout History," Kerrigan Black in a free concert & lecture/demo presenting 200 hundred years of African American song. 8 pm at Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 644-6100.

Classics of Nature: Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF in concert. Program of works with a nature theme, including Brahms' *In Stiller Nacht* and Josquin de Pres' *El Grillo Winds*. Today at First Unitarian Church, 14th & Castro, Oakland; tmw at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door. For concert times & other info call 861-7067.

RaW Materials present "Indecent Materials" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/22.

Folk Music at Sacred Grounds Cafe with *City Folk*. 2095 Hayes St, SF. Info: 387-3859.

Gay & Lesbian Catholics Gathering: Hosted by Catholic Charities Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Communities & Their Families. Gathering offers an opportunity to share stories with like-minded people in a safe & comfortable setting and to suggest a vision for justice in our churches & commnities. Though focused on the Catholic experience, all interested lesbian & gay people are welcome. 8 pm in the Fireside Room, St John Vianney Parish, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Road (nr La Casa Via), Walnut Creek. Info: Jim Schexnayder (510) 834-5657, ext 3114.

At Mama Bears: Reading/discussion by Marilyn Murphy, author of *Are You Girls Traveling Alone?* Come find out more about the traveling lesbian lifestyle. 8 pm. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Dark Shadows Society Mtg: Come celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Monthly social gathering for fans & friends of Dark Shadows—potluck, video, fun! 8 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

Artists/Healers/Men: A wkend of performance & ritual, today thru 10/25. Dance, theater & poetry from many cultures by some of the Bay Area's finest male performers, including Guillermo Ortiz, Keith Hennessy, Ray Gatchalian, Harvey Stein, Remi Charlip, Bob Ernst, Nicholas Yuille, Green Man Group, Otter's Treasures & others. Event celebrates new images of men in performance, and explores whether men of all kinds can support each other in community & artistic celebration. Women & men are welcome! 8:30 pm tonight & tmw, 2 pm on Sun at 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero at McAllister, SF. $5-15. Info/res: (510) 655-7297.

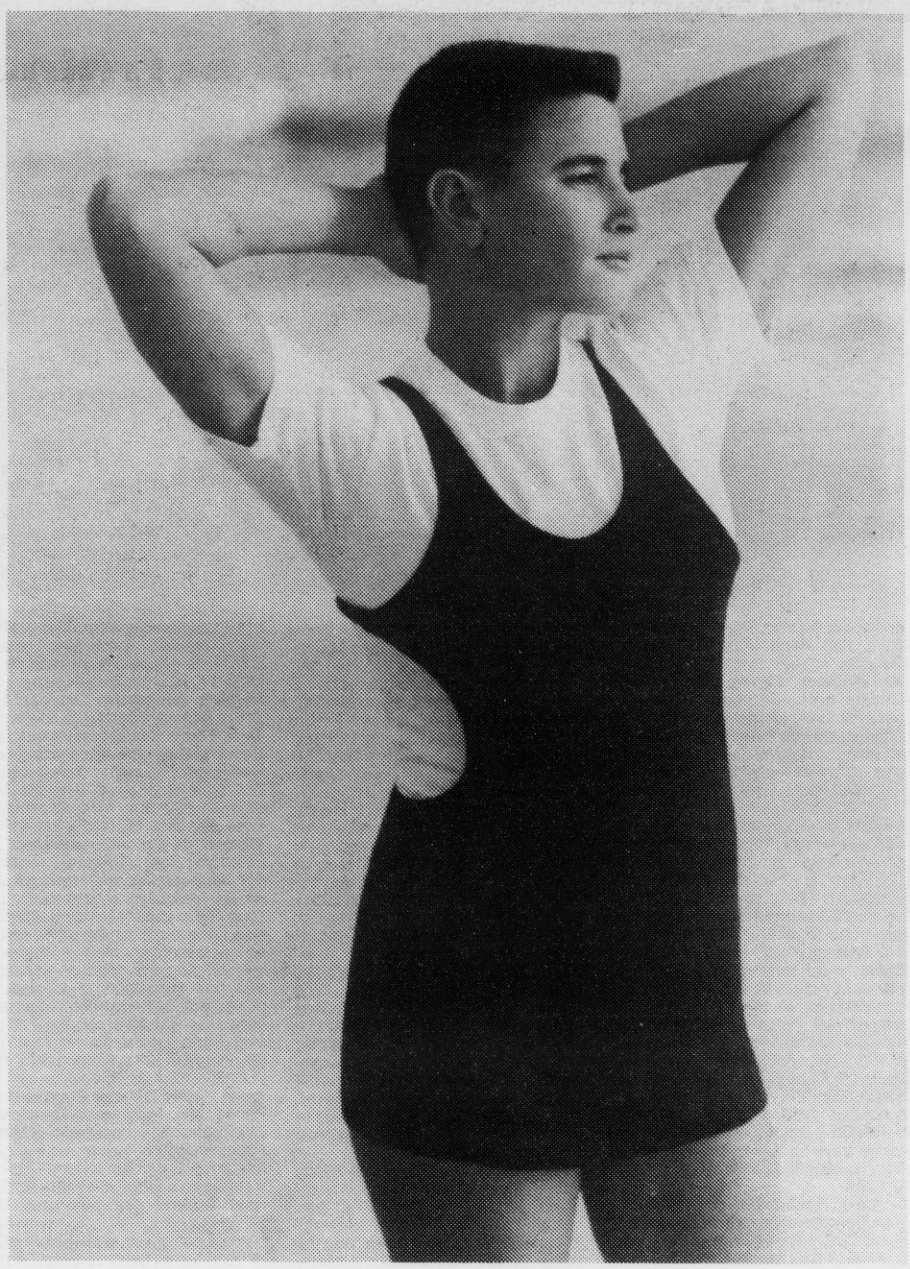
"Living in Ether," evening of new works by local choreographer Cid Pearlman; performed by Nesting Dolls, a new dance collective. 8:30 pm, tonight thru 10/25, $7-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.

"Return to the Garden of Earthly Delights," an evening of poetry with David Storms at MACE Space for Art, 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. 8:30 pm, $5. Info/res: 931-9670.

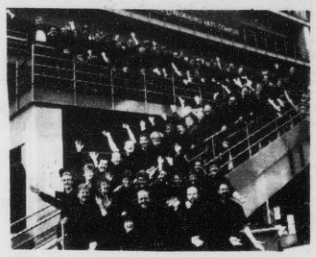
Worker's Film & Video Forum at Artists Television Access (ATA). A night of video from the former Yugoslavia (in Croat, Slovene & Bosnian, with English subtitles), presenting up to date coverage of the war there. 8:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Club nZinga: Int'l Dance Party with DJ Mongrel at El Rio. Tonight & 10/30, 9 pm-2 am, $3. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Laugh your night away at Josie's Cabaret with Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman. Two of the City's funniest gay comics team up tonight at 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.



Jewish lesbian folksinger Phranc opens her free art show, "Phranc's Brief Encounter," on Nov. 4 at Josie's Cabaret, and performs there Nov. 6-8. Calendar has details.



The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF will present their annual classical concert, "Classics of Nature," at the First Unitarian Church in Oakland on Oct. 23, and at MCC in SF on Oct. 24. Calendar has info.

"Brash," a performance benefit for WAC (Women's Action Coalition) takes place on Oct. 25 at Theatre Artaud. See OnStage for info. Photo by David Papas

OCT 24 / S A T

Sunol Regional Wilderness Hike with Southbay Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. 10+ miles, 2400 ft gain. Bring lunch & liquid. Meet 8:30 am at Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton St, San Jose, to carpool. Info: (408) 265-7341.

Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take I-580 to 35th Ave or Hwy 13 to Redwood Rd. Go east toward hills on 35th/Redwood. Continue on Redwood approx 2 1/4 miles PAST Skyline blvd. Entrance to park is on left. Meet 9 am inside park at last parking lot. Parking fee; offstreet parking at entrance is free. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Death Penalty Focus of California 2nd Annual Awards Dinner: Event honors the editors of the *Oakland Tribune* for their coverage of the Robert Harris execution, and Joan Baez (in absentia) for her longstanding commitment to ending the death penalty. 6 pm reception, 7 pm dinner. Tix $50 donor, $100 patron, $500 donor table, $1000 patron table. Holiday Inn at Union Square, SF. Info/res: Pat Clark (510) 452-9505.

SF Hiking Club Day Hike: Tennessee Valley/Muir Beach Loop in southern Marin County. Moderate 8 mile loop, total elevation gain of 1500 ft. $6 cost per car includes bridge toll, to be shared among passengers. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, wear layered clothing. Rain cancels. Meet 9:45 am at the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: Bob (510) 652-3827 or Larry Maxwell (415) 826-3489, BEFORE 10 pm.

Feng Shui: Coming Home with the Power of Space—wkshop with Feng Shui practitioner Ann Marie Holmes at Two Sisters Bookshop. Learn techniques of Feng Shui, a 3000-yr-old art & science of placement, to make your living spaces more alive, create balance in the home and work environment, promote health & prosperity. 10:30 am-1:30 pm, $30. Info: Anne Marie (707) 778-6087.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Journal Therapy for Maximum Recovery," Deborah Underwood, MFCC leads this wkshop on using writing, affirmations, meditation, music, creative visualization, rubber stamp art & sharing to connect with your inner wisdom, select goals & have fun! 10:30 am-3:30 pm, $50. Pre-reg requested, call 924-8970 for info. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur.

Morphormation, (More Information for Personal Metamorphosis), A Natural Healing Forum: Focus on HIV, AIDS & cancer. Noon at the Hungarian Center, 1052 Geary St, SF. Presentations, followed by question & answer period. Spons by the Institute for Centered Living & the National Health Care Alliance. $8. Info: 864-7446.

Eco-Rap 1992: SF Hip-Hop Festival—Free outdoor concert at SF's Civic Center Plaza, co-hosted by Dominique Di Prima & DJ Davey D, with *Aztlan Nation, Asiatic Apostles, Premo, AK Black, The 2WO Dominatorz* and Eco-Rap contest winners, as well as hip-hop dancing, steel drum bands, marching bands, jazz ensembles & more. Concert aims to use the power of rap & hip-hop to expand environmental awareness across generational & economic boundaries. Noon-5 pm. Info: Life on the Water Theater 885-0401.

"Women in Print," National Writers Union annual conference held noon-7 pm at SF State University's Seven Hills Conference Center. Focus on women's issues in writing & the media. Speakers & panelists include Ben Bagdikian, Brenda Payton, Janet Van Wicklen, Georgia Hesse, Andrea Lewis, Carol Ness, Cecile Pineda, April Sinclair & Robin Beeman. Lake Merced Blvd & South State Drive, SF. Info/reg: 474-5007.

Branding, Burning & Cupping Wkshop with Fakir Musafar, spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Comprehensive, hands-on workshop with slides, live demos & plenty of "how-to." $25. Doors open at noon, wkshop 12:30-5 pm in a private SF space. Info: 550-7776.

BWMT Rap: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion with Rafiki-BAHSES. Find out what AIDS programs are available, discuss living with AIDS ten years into the epidemic. Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins at 7. All Saint's Church, 1350 Waller St, SF.

Public Liability Comedy Group perform tonight, see 10/23 listing for details.

"Glimpses of Our Lives," an eve of African American solo performance at the Center for African & African American Arts & Culture. Benefit fundraiser for Solo Soul: An African American Solo Performance Festival, which will take place in SF in Spring, 1993. Pre-show performances begin at 7:15 pm, main performances start at 8. $10. Tonight's artists include Winifred April Elam, Mwanza Furaha, Robert Henry Johnson, Dee Russell, Thomas R Simpson & Winston Williams. Also an array of Caribbean foods & beverages available for purchase. 762 Fulton St, SF. Info: 928-8546.

"Men Meeting Men," Party spons by the Human Awareness Institute. Night of mixing & dancing, with structured exercises to facilitate heart connections with other men. 7:30 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore in the Castro, or call 239-7839.

Photojournalist Bill Stamets has been documenting a variety of civic events since 1975. Tonight he introduces & discusses some of his work, including *Novo Dextro: Purity & Danger* (1982), a riveting document of an "anti-queer, pro-life" rally by the American Nazi Party during Chicago's annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade; *Harold is Gone* (1987), a record of the funeral of Chicago's late mayor, Harold Washington; *Presidential Appearances* (1988), twin travelogues tracking the 1988 Presidential campaign; and *Primary Visibility* (1992), a video-8 portrait of the New Hampshire primary. 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $3 stdnts, srs & disabled. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. Program presented by SF Cinematheque. Info: 558-8129.

At Mama Bears: See "The 2nd Coming of Joan of Arc," an award-winning one-woman show, written & performed by lesbian feminist playwright Carolyn Gage. 8 pm, $10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Reservations suggested, call (510) 428-9684.

Big Butt Girls, Hard Headed Women: Solo performance piece created & performed by Rhodessa Jones; a series of monologues based on the lives on times of real women who are incarcerated. 8 pm, $4. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission, SF. Presented in conjunction with SF Camerwork's "Murder as Phenomena" photo exhibit (10/16-11/21) and "Feminism, Activism & Art," an upcoming weekend conference (11/6-8). Call 621-1001 for details.

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Eve of jazz tap & more with Lynne Jassem, see 10/23. Final performance!

Folk Music at Sacred Grounds Cafe with *Fussbudgets*. 2095 Hayes St, SF. Info: 387-3859.

The Sick & Twisted Players in Halloween & Halloween II—final performance! See 10/22.

***Chanticleer* AIDS Benefit** Concert: SF's int'lly acclaimed a capella men's chorus join Magnificat Baroque Orchestra for a concert to benefit people living with HIV. Program includes works by Brumel, Morales, Byrd, Tallis, Monteverdi, Handel, Pachelbel, Albioni & others, plus a number of spirituals. 8 pm, $15 general, $25 reserved, $100 reserved patron. All proceeds benefit Catholic Charities AIDS/HIV Services, Family Link, Coming Home Hospice & the SF AIDS Foundaton. St Ignatius Church, UCSF campus, SF. Info: 896-5866.

Artists/Healers/Men—See 10/23.

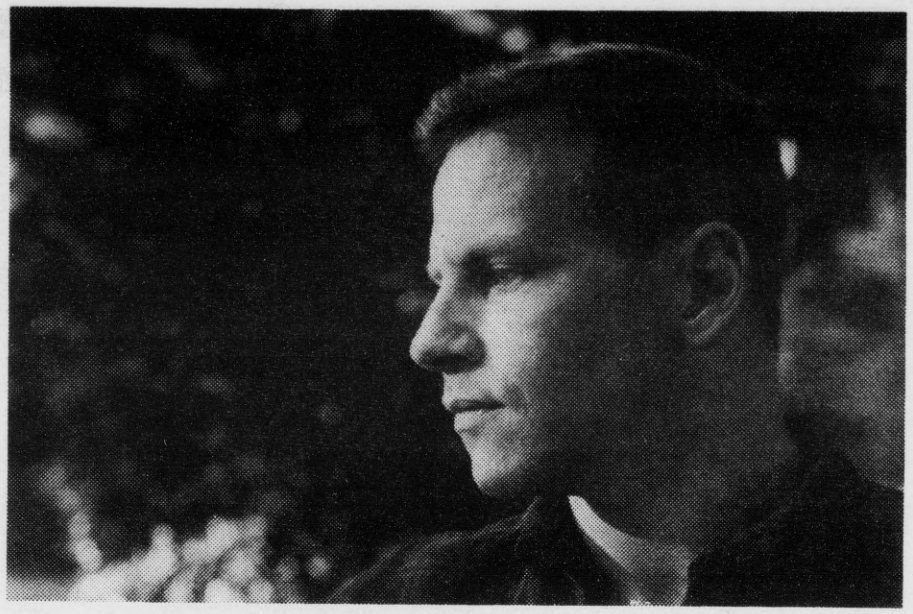
"Living in Ether," dance performance at 1800 Square Feet, see 10/23.

Halloween Costume Party spons by Girth & Mirth Club of SF: 8 pm, 176-B Page St, SF. Refreshments, munchies, prizes (for the best "chubby" and "chaser" costume). Call the hotline 552-1143 for details.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Back Step Forward, President's Breakfast* and *Tongue Tied*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info:

Poet Jim Cory reads on Oct. 25 at the Women's Building. Check Calendar for details.

"Nitrate Kisses," the West Coast premiere of Barbara Hammer's film, at the Castro Theatre on Oct. 29. Calendar has info.



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Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Scott Capurro, Lisa Geduldig & Sabrina Matthews. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 25 / SUN

4th Annual Elmwood Street Faire, "A Day at the Movies"—Come & see local merchants dressed up as your favorite movie characters. Also food booths, dancing, music, singing, prizes & lots of fun! 11 am-5 pm at College & Ashby Aves in Berkeley. Spons by the Elmwood Merchants Assoc.

At Two Sisters Bookshop: Embracing Your Dark Side, wkshop with Cheryl Potter. Learn about this healthy part of a balanced personality, which can be used for protection, and to get energy and power. Learn high energy techniques for using your dark side as a beneficial influence in your life, learn to work with destroyer Goddesses & other energies to transform your personality & remove energy blocks in your body. This wkshop is not appropriate for those who have violent outbursts, strong suicidal tendencies or serious psychological disorders. 12:30-3:30 pm, $50. Info/reg: 323-5370. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park.

Poetry Reading with Philadelphia poet Jim Cory & SF poet Karl Tierney at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3 pm, $4.

Artists/Healers/Men—Final performance! See 10/23.

At Mama Bears: Bookparty for Linnea Due's lesbian novel, *Life's Savings*. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Women's Harvest Moon Dance: For old lesbians & their friends, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and the Old Lesbian Organizing Committee. 3-6 pm at Sailboat Clubhouse, Oakland. Tix: $7.50 adv, $10 at door. To reg, mail check to OLOC, 1853 Market St, SF 94103 or call Pat or Rosemary at 626-7000.

Halloween Party for lesbian/gay parents & kids—see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Tear Gas Certification/Self-Defense Wkshop with Dr Judith Fein & Nancy Worthington at ClaireLight Women's Books, 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Popular wkshop combines practical physical & psychological defense techniques with tear gas certification training approved by the Dept of Justice. Adv reg strongly recommended. Fee $20 before 10/25, $25 day of class. State license to carry & use tear gas available for addt'l $9.50. Info/reg: (707) 575-8879.

At Gaia Bookstore: Poet/author Deena Metzger (*The Women Who Slept With Men to Take the War Out of Them*) discusses her new book, *Writing for Your Life*, an exploration of the inner world of creativity thru autobiography, storytelling, myths, dreams & inner guides. 5:30 pm, $3 or free with book purchase. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Sukkot Party spons by the Jewish Bisexual Caucus: Jewish harvest festival celebration—come dressed as a pumpkin (or at least in orange) or something suggestive of a harvest theme. Eastbay location. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566.

Lake Mama Lune all-women's band at The Tea Spot Cafe. Group uses theater, slides & film to present their music in a operatic ritual forum. Don't miss! 7-9 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave at Addison, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 428-0932.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Guyana-born historian, novelist & essayist Jan Carew (*Fulcrums of Change*) discusses his recently published essay, *United We Stand, Joint Struggles of Native Americans and African Americans in the Columbian Era*. 7 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Leisure World, a costume contest & dance to benefit Project Open Hand & the ArtEvents Program, spons by Museo Contempo. Sign-up reception 7-8 pm, contest & dancing begins at 8. $100 for the first-prize winner, various raffle prizes for runners-up. At South Beach Billiards, 270 Brannan St, SF. Info: 647-3390.

Brash, a performance benefit for the Women's Action Coalition. An eve of dance/theater to benefit the political work of WAC. Performances by Liz Ozol, Kneejerk Dance Project, Shakiri, Neo Bustamante, Jo Kreiter, Stephanie Maher, Kathleen Hermesdorf, Nikki Byrd, Gwen Avery, Joanne Nerenberg & Jessica Lutes and the Delia Davidson Dance Co. 7 pm, $25-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Info/res: 821-7797.

At Gaia Bookstore: Anne Wilson Schaef discusses her controversial new book, *Beyond Therapy, Beyond Science: A New Model for Healing the Whole Person*. Book explores the scientific & psychotherapeutic world views, revealing how they perpetuate the addictive process they seek to cure. 7:30-9:30 pm, $3 or free with purchase of book. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

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Asian AIDS Project presents "Scary Queens," this month's Rubber Club Party. Skits, performances & lipsync contest. 10 pm at the N'Touch, 1548 Polk St, SF. For info or to volunteer call Dominic 227-0946. See you there!

OCT 26 / MON

The Best Campaign Money Can Buy: Preview screening of documentary film produced by Frontline & the Center for Investigative Reporting. Celebration of CIR's 15th anniversary. 5:30 pm reception, 6:30 pm screening. $15 donation. Calvin Simmons Theatre, 10 10th St, Oakl. Info: (800) 733-0015.

"A Tibetan View of Illness & Death," lecture by monks of the Gaden Shartse Monastery, one of the few active Tibetan monasteries in the world. Spons by the Healing Buddha Center. 7 pm, $15. Dominican College, San Rafael. Tix at BASS.

WONDER, an HIV + Wkshop (Working on Organizing, Nurturing, Determining, Empowering, Relaxation): 8 sessions, tonight thru 12/14. Sort thru the maze of HIV concerns, available resources & info in a friendly, relaxed setting. Each mtg explores a single subject, such as benefits medical options, disclosure, relationships. Facilitated by a certified HIV+ counselor, with guest presenters. Limited to 10 people. Meets in a Berkeley home, accessible to public transit. For more details call (510) 548-9854.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 753-0687.

Bossbusters Presents "Fire Your Boss! A Hands-On Workshop for Uppity Workers" at Artists Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St nr 21st, SF. Discussion of direct-action tactics for the workplace including monkeywrenching, sick-ins, whistleblowing and others. Also review of worker's rights under US labor law. All working people are invited to attend. 7:30 pm, free (we'll pass the hat to cover the rental hall fee). Info: 863-9627.

At Gaia Bookstore: A night of "Inspiration Sandwich: Stories to Inspire Your Creativity" with SARK. Come enjoy an evening of play, laughter & creative frolic—exercises for keeping your creative self alive. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

"A Theatre of Racial Conflict," (There is no such thing as Black Theatre), a discussion with Bunmi Popoola, director of Athol Fugard's play, "The Island," opening soon at New Conservatory Theatre. Popoola is the founder of African Reflection Ltd and Artistic Director of Theatre Yoruba, the only professonal African theatre company in the United Kingdom. 7:30 pm, donation requested. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Info: 861-8972.

At Cody's Books: Author Anne Wilson Schaef, famous for her work on the addictive process, reads from her new book, *Beyond Therapy, Beyond Science: A New Model for Healing the Whole Person*, a presentation of her innovative model for working with addiction & codependency, and an indictment of the academic & therapeutic jungle. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Karen Ripley. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 8 pm, $4. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res 861-7933.

Monday Night Marsh series, a venue for new work 15-20 min in length, continues with Robert Ariola's *This is Not What I Ordered*, F Alan Hale's *The Conditions of Life*, Roberta D'Alois' *Why I Will Never Be A Contestant On Jeopardy* and Susan Van Allen's *One Day in the Life Of Florence D'Ambrisi* (excerpts). 8:30 pm, $6. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

OCT 27 / TUE

Beginning Herbal Medicine Class: Every Tues, noon-2:30 pm, today thru 12/22. Includes two herb walks, to be arranged. Holistic approach to Western herbal medicine. $98-178 SL fee. Info/reg: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

Shanti Board of Directors October meeting: 6:15 pm at 525 Howard St, SF. Public welcome. Info: Craig Bernard 777-2273.

"Radiance Technique," a presentation by Michael O'Leary at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227. 7 pm.

Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets 7 pm tonight at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 105. Info: 929-8877.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by bodybuilder/calenderman Jim Rueth. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.

Co-Topping Class with Carol Kleinmaier. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Two tops can help build the energy for one another or they can distract one another, making the scene more chaotic. Carol discusses issues of communication, competition, rhythm & style. Class includes a co-topping scene. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

At Gaia Bookstore: Oraclists Amy Zerner & Monty Farber (*The Enchanted Tarot, Karma Cards*) present their new *Goddess Guide Me* Interactive Oracle Game, drawing on the sacred animal, bird, flower & stone of 12 mythic Goddesses. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Women of Color: Frontrunners for Freedom—Radical Women celebrate 500 years of resistance to racism & sexism with special program featuring National RW organizer Nancy Reiko Kato discussing her document on the revolutionary leadership role that women of color have assumed throughout history, and how they continue to steer all movements onto a rebellious course to secure liberation for all peoples. 7:30 pm mtg, delicious dinner served at 6:45 pm ($5 donation). 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: 864-1278.

Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of the Harvey Milk Progressive Democratic Club presents a discussion of Asian American gay & lesbian issues, plus food & fun. Everyone welcome! 8 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

New Zealand gay performer Neil Gudsell in "Juiced," a ravishingly hilarious cabaret show in which he stars as his wild drag persona "Mika." 8 pm, $10. Final performance—don't miss! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Thunder Bay: *The Medicine Men, American Dream* and *Fussbudget*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Rock Night at Thunder Bay with *Ministry of Culture, The Medicine Men* and *American Dream*. 8 pm, $3. One Bolivar Dr at Addison St (Aquatic Park), Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0706.

Stepchildren at the Paradise Lounge, with dj Blackstone. $2. 11th St at Folsom, SF. Info: 905-8880,

OCT 28 / WED

Moving Toward Life: Marin-based movement & expressive arts therapy group for people challenging cancer, HIV and other life-threatening illnesses. Program emphasizes using expressive movement, imagery, body awareness, stress management & group support as adjuncts to medical treatment. Facilitated by Anna Halprin, spons by Talmalpa Institute. Wednesdays, 10 am-1 pm, thru 12/9. No class on Wed 11/25. $90-150 SL fee for 6-wk series. Open to all people challenging life-threatening illnesses, their supporters/caregivers, and students. Nursing CEUs available. Info/reg: 461-9479.

Older Lesbians Drop-in Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-2 pm at 1853 Market St, SF. Bring bag lunch. Info: 626-7000.

Peace Corps Community Forum & Film Show: Meet former Peace Corps volunteers, learn more about volunteer career opportunities overseas. 7-9 pm at Ft Mason Cultural Center, Bldg C, SF. Room 370. Recruiters available to answer questions, distribute applications. Info: (800) 292-2461 ext 325.

Living Trusts & Estates: A Preventive Law wkshop. Trusts aren't only for the wealthy! Learn why a living trust beats joint tenancy, avoids probate, and is better than a Will. 7-9 pm, $25. Info/res: Law Offices of Linda Scaparotti (510) 835-0850.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group: Ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth, spons by Bay Area Career Women. 7-9 pm. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

"A Drag King Thang," with lesbians of color, spons by Ache. Join us for a fabulous evening as we parade Drag Kings, play with gender and celebrate our butch/femme history. Event includes slides, drama, fashion, a Drag King contest and coronation, with prizes for best drag from Stormy Leather, Good Vibrations, the Highlander Inn, etc. So you jocks, hardcore uniforms, leather boys, smooth operators—come strut your stuff! Come butch or femme, but come play, Paris *is* burning! Don't miss. Emcee Belinda Sullivan. 7:30 pm, $6-20 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. All lesbians of color interested in being in the contest should call (510) 548-2633. Proceeds benefit the Ache Project. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Male Childhood Sexual Abuse is the topic tonight at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store. Jack Penczar discusses his book *Touching Myself: Look Ma, No Hands*, his personal story of healing & discovery, told with compassion for the wounded child in us all. 7:30 pm, $5. Includes booksigning. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

"San Francisco History: Rancho San Miguel," a slide talk about the City, from Spanish days to San Francisco neighborhoods, by Mae Silver, author of *Rancho San Miguel*. Followed by booksigning. 7:30 pm at West Portal Branch, SF Public Library, 190 Lenox Way, SF. Info: 753-7135.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Spend an entertaining evening with the artists, vatos & calacacas who put out the wildy irreverent 'zine *Pocho Magazine*, along with the East Oakland rap group *Aztlan Nation*. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore: Author Barbara MacDonald (*Look Me in the Eye: Old Women, Aging & Ageism*) reads & signs copies of her book at 7:30 pm. free. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At Gaia Bookstore: "Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladahk," a slideshow/discussion with Helena Norberg-Hodge, winner of the Alternative Nobel Prize. Discuss how the people of "little Tibet" offer models for redefining wealth, and how traditional ecowisdom is impacted by Western concepts of development & progress. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

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Pre-Halloween Going Away Party for Michelle & Renee at Faster Pussycat! Acoustics with Elin Jr. also *Beautiful Green Skeletons* from Santa Cruz. Doors open at 8 pm at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club meets 8 pm tonight in SF. Come find out about the club & upcoming motorcycle activities. Info/location: Randy 771-7553.

An Incredibly Strange Halloween Show at the Chameleon: See *The Wizard of Gore*, a sick '70s film, along with *3-D Murders* from the 1940s (in 3-D of course), and scary 1930s cartoons. 9 pm, $3. 853 Valencia St, btwn 19th & 20th, SF.

OCT 29 / THU

2nd Annual Halloween Party presented by Commonwealth of Fear & Zone 6. Performance lineup includes: *God's Girlfriend*, Danielle Wilis, shaman Steven Maxine and emcee satanic priest Christopher Train. Plus costume contest & other surprises. 9-4 at 650 Howard St, SF. Info: Doug Melcher 552-4589 or Jeff Tatum 221-9768.

Jack O'Lantern Jamboree at Children's Fairyland in Oakland: Thru 10/31, see Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Off the Hook with Dr Bob: Radio talk show focused on issues of addiction & recovery. 10-11 am on KEST-AM 1450. Today's program: "Stories from the Motherline: Relationships with Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers," a talk with Naomi Ruth Lowinsky, PhD.

Rainbow's End, group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 14-23, meets tonight. See 10/22 listing for details.

HIV Nutrition & Treatments: A community forum presented by Project Inform and EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV), with collaboration from Project Open Hand. Jill Jarvie, RD, explains how to build an inexpensive, nutritious diet for people with HIV, and the benefits of good nutrition as a base for good medical treatment. Parris M Kidd, PhD discusses strategies for living with HIV. 6:30-8:30 pm in the Gazebo Room, Davies Medical Center, Castro at Duboce, SF. Info: 403-3800 or 558-8669.

Classical Chi Kung: Intro class with master teacher Dr Khaleghl Quinn. Learn the foundation of all Chi Kung styles. Simple, yet profound self-help exercises. 6:30-9:30 pm. Info/reg: Vicki Dello Joio 826-5244.

Night of the Black Mask II: 2nd annual Halloween celebration hosted by the Celestial Krewe de Cuir. 7-10 pm at The Cinch, 1723 Polk St, SF. Fun includes mask contest, with prizes, soda & beer bust. $7.

Breath Control Class with JC Collins. Spons by QSM as part of their artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Breath control can be as sensual as a silk scarf wrapped lovingly around the neck or as terrifying as hands shooting out of the dark to seize an unsuspecting throat. JC gives demo of techniques, discusses safety & physiological signs to watch for. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 in a private SF space. Women & men of all sexual orientations are welcome. Info: 550-7776.

At Modern Times Bookstore: CD/Cassette Release Party for *America Fears the Drum*, a compilation of work by over 20 poets & 20 musicians. Readers include Jorge Argueta, Boadiba, Jack Hirschman, Tede Matthews and Crack MC. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Nitrate Kisses, feature-length film by filmmaker Barbara Hammer; an exploration of images of lesbian & gay culture, past & present. Film uses archival film, oral histories & film of contemporary gay couples' sexual activity to examine the often forbidden & invisible history of gay people. Spons by Film Arts Foundation, Frameline & SF Cinematheque. Proceeds benefit the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern Calif & the production. 7:30 pm, $7. Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF. Info: 552-FILM.

At Gaia Bookstore: Exhibit & mask-making demo with Willa Shalit, author of *Life Cast: Behind the Mask*. Book includes mask portraits of Rosa Parks, Whoopi Goldberg, the Dalai Lama, Jimmy Carter & others. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave at Rose, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

Bisexual Men of Color Group meets tonight for discussion & support. 7:30 pm. Call (510) 465-9671 for info/location.

New Horizons rap group for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people ages 22-29 meets tonight. Come meet other folks your age, discuss relevant topics. 7:45-8 pm drop-in time for first-time visitors, 8-9:30 pm gen'l mtg. For mtg location call 457-1115; to leave a message call 457-3523 (messages picked up on Thurs eves). Spons by Spectrum.

RaW Materials presents "Indecent Materials" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/22.

At Cody's Books: Film critic Michael Medved discusses his controversial book *Hollywood vs America: Popular Culture & the War on Traditional Values*, which contends that Hollywood produces movies, television & popular music which exacerbate serious social problems. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Halloween '92 Live the Dream Party with ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Club. Party starts at 8 pm. Costume contest, dancing & lots of fun! SF location. For location & other info call (510) 849-4112 or write: ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF 94142. ETVC is a 400-member social/support group for all members of the transgender community.

Macabre Halloween Fun: Join Pulp Playhouse for a night of spontaneous ghoulish holiday improv comic horror. Costumes welcomed! 8 pm tonight thru 10/31 at New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $10 Thurs & Fri, $15 Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

Why Does Herr R Run Amok? see 10/28.

DJ Dance Party at El Rio with Chili & Spice. 9 pm-2 am, $3. Night of salsa, funk & hip hop. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Halloween Party! Spons by Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group. Come show off your costume, win a prize! Munchies, drinks, decorations & games provided. For info/location call Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

OCT 30 / FRI

Buddhist Retreat for Lesbians: Led by Arinna Weisman at Joshua Tree, Calif. 11/13-15. All levels of practice welcome! Info/reg: Jim Hopper (213) 665-7686.

Shanti Latino Volunteer Training: Today is the deadline to register for the

training scheduled for 11/6-8. Training prepares Spanish-speaking volunteers to provide emotional & practical support to Latinos with HIV/AIDS & those affected by the disease. Spanish fluency required. Reg/info: Barbara Linn or Stephanie Ruby-Klink 777-2273.

Samhain & Dia de los Muertos (aka Halloween) Dance at Loudon Nelson Auditorium in Santa Cruz, a benefit for the Santa Cruz Lesbian & Gay Community Center. Samhain ritual at 6:30 pm, dance 8-11 pm. $3-5 SL fee. An alcohol, smoke & attitude-free event. Please wear no scents or perfumes.

Spiral Dance for Women: Magical journey thru ritual & dance, from remembering our losses & grief to healing and blessing the future. An empowering & transformational women-only ritual, led by Z Budapest, with special guests author Carolyn Edwards, snake dancer Lynette Monty, Terry Sendgraff's ritual dance troupe, "Treelings," sacred ydaki dance music by Gwen Jones, dance performance by Rainbow, music with Dianic Drummers, plus priestesses of the Four Directions. 7-11 pm, $20 adv tix, $25 at door. Dress comfortably & festively in traditional red, black & white. Bring candles in glass jars only, sacred objects for the Altar of the Living and the Altar of the Dead, plus easily portable instruments for merrymaking. Ygnacio Valley High School Auditorium, 755 Oak Grove Blvd, Concord. Info: (510) 444-7724 or (510) 827-4345.

Women's Country Western Dance Class meets tonight, see 10/23 listing for details.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Voice Dialogue: A Tool for Relationship Work," wkshop presented by Diane Doheny. Offers an easy to learn process to access the myriad subpersonalities thru which we experience life. Similar to Gestalt therapy. 7:30 pm, $8. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Cody's Books: Author Jamake Highwater (*Anpao, the Primal Mind*) reads from his first new novel in 6 years, *Kill Hole*, the story of Sitko Ghost Horse who flees from a dying city into the desert, where he encounters the dream world of a tribe that seems to be from another time & place. 8 pm. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Folk Music at Sacred Grounds Cafe with Les & Jan. 2095 Hayes St, SF. Info: 387-3859.

Macabre Halloween Fun with Pulp Playhouse, see 10/29.

Redwood Cultural Work 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert with founder Holly Near and special guests Linda Tillery, Adrienne Torf & Dulce Arguelles. 8 pm, $15 gen'l, $2 discount for the disabled, hearing impaired & kids under 12. Concert followed by birthday party. First Presbyterian Church, 27th & Broadway, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 835-1445.

RaW Materials presents "Indecent Materials" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/22.

Witchcraft Through the Ages, 1922 film with commentary by William S Burroughs. A macabre masterpiece, this film was banned for decades & unavailable until recently. Screens 8 & 10 pm tonight & tmw, with special midnight screening on Halloween at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St btwn 8th & 9th, Folsom & Howard, SF.

At ATA (Artists Television Access) tonight: "Modern Television," program by Phil Patiris. See *Zeitgeist* (yuppie empowerment meets the Nazis), *Fifth Gear* (Beethoven on wheels), plus recent studies of the Harris execution, the LA uprising, Miss America, JFK & Dan Quayle. Also *Iraq Campaign 1991 (A Television History)*, 28 minutes of nonstop footage blending TV clips of the war with commercials & scenes from an assortment of science fiction movies such as *Star Wars, Dune* and *War of the Worlds*. 8:30 pm, $3-5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Night of comedy with Karen Williams! 8 pm, $7-10 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

Club nZinga at El Rio, see 10/23.

Comic Tom Ammiano in "Wrists II," at Josie's Cabaret. Ammiano returns with his summer hit, a one-man, two-wrist ed, witty & hilarious look at his gay life since the late '80s. 10 pm, $10. Final show! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 31 / S A T

Lesbian Mixed Doubles (butch-femme vs butch-femme) Tennis Tournament: Benefit for Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 8 am-5 pm at Mills College, Oakl. Lesbian mixed doubles matches in the early morning & early afternoon, followed by lesbian Pro-Am matches in the late afternoon. Tennis players will be judged and commented on throughout the day by celebrity judges/entertainers JoAnn Loulan & Karen Williams. Also awards festivities & costume parade for kids & adults. Breakfast, lunch & snack items served by Catering by Carol. Info: Nanette Gartrell, MD 346-2336.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From UC Berkeley Campus take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) past tennis courts, botanical gardens, and Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg (sign on left). Meet 9 am in parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Rites of Passage/A Journey Through Menopause: Wkshop led by Trish Hahn at Two Sisters Bookshop. Focus on the use of traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture and herbology to reharmonize the mind, body and psyche in this time of transition. 10:30 am-12:30 pm, $26. Info/reg: 321-8623. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park.

"Pete Wilson Sucks the blood from poor people," rally to protest "vampire Wilson" and Prop 165, which will give low-income women reduced choices about their reproductive health. Gather 11 am at 24th & Mission St, SF. Spons by the Bay Area Coalition for our Reproductive Rights & Chop from the Top. Info: 333-9204.

Halloween Costume Party for PWAs & Friends: Spons by Continuum HIV Day Services. 1-4 pm. Dancing, refreshments, costume contest, plus haunted house, with special guests. 10 United Nations Plaza (7th & Market), SF. Info/res: 241-5500.

Reclaiming Your Own Voice: Wkshop with Joan McMillen at Two Sisters Bookshop. Rediscover your unique voice. Speak, sing & create mini-dramas with group as you practice following your voice back into your body, identifying and releasing any points of constriction. Playful & experimental workshop. Requires a minimum number of participants, so please pre-register. Call Joan 325-1679 for reg/info. 1:30-3:30 pm, $25. 609 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park.

Women's Spirituality Group meets for Halloween potluck & ritual at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, witchy masks, sacred objects and... broomsticks! Spons by Spectrum. Call 457-1115 for location & other info.

Pre-Castro Street Halloween Party with BWMT: Join Black & White Men Together and show off your costume! Food, fun, no-host bar. Refreshments served. Facilitated by Mikey Halliday. Everyone welcome! All Saint's Church, 1350 Waller St, SF. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Halloween Video Night for Lesbians: Delicious potluck, hot & scary video, friendly dykes! Video is a story about bisexual vampires, with a great cast & high lesbian content—expect erotica & violence, not for the squeamish! Costumes optional. For directions & other info call Tori 252-8351. Potrero Hill, SF location.

Celebration of Samhain: All Hallows' Eve Dancing with the Dead, a celebration at Two Sisters Bookshop with Joan McMillen. Tonight, when the veil between the worlds is at its thinnest, our beloved or troubled dead come to us, knowing they may speak & be heard. Come make a circle tonight honoring the partnership between the living and the dead; untie the knots of the past and open the way to the future. Bring photos, mementos of dead relatives or friends, personal talismans of your own, rattles. 7:30-9:30 pm, $10-15. Info: 325-1679. Register by calling Two Sisters 323-4778. 605 Cambridge Ave, Menlo Park.

Witchcraft Through the Ages—see 10/30.

The Wild Hearts (Robin Flower, Nancy Vogl, Libby McLaren) at the Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at Addison, Berkeley. 8-10 pm, $10. Info: (510) 428-0932.

DJ's Halloween Party: 8 pm. Prizes! "Drag" out your pumps & party! 1535 Olympic Blvd, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 930-0300.

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Halloween Party with HTG (High Tech Gays): 8 pm till the witching hour at Jay's home—728 North 20th St, San Jose. Food, fun, drink, prizes! For details call voicemail: (408) 993-3830.

Halloween's Eve Party for people with HIV/AIDS: 1st Annual Clean & Sober Halloween Party spons by Shanti Project's Activities Program, the Living Room, Walden House & Drummer Magazine. Prizes for best costume, wonderful junk food & lots of dancing! Admission by invitation only, so call 777-2273 & get yours!

Mayhem in Marin IV: Spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women). Bewitching hours are back! Lots of fun, food, dancing (with DJ Denise Dunne), plus costume contest—don't miss! 8 pm-midnight. Call BACW 495-5393 for details.

Macabre Halloween Fun with Pulp Playhouse, see 10/29 listing for details.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Williams, Suzy Berger & Maureen Brownsey. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Halloween Party at El Rio! With *White Trash Debutantes, Pansy Division* and *Hyper Drive Kittens*. 10 pm-2 am. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

NOV 1 / S U N

Old Lesbian Artists: Their Works...Their Words... Exhibit at Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF. 2:30 pm, $3-10 SL. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Bondage Party: South of Market man with dungeon & equipment throws private party for couples (and singles) into bondage. 3 pm, $10. Info/location: 292-3228.

Fitness Training, Nutrition & HIV: Seminar spons by Arcadia Bodybuilding Society. Learn how lifting weights, aerobic exercise & nutrition can improve your immune system & your gen'l health. Discussion with Lenny Simpson, MD, Mark Thompson, DC, and personal fitness trainers Anthony Durante & Bob Walton. $10 gen'l, $3 PWAs. Muscle System Gym, 2275 Market ST, SF. 6 pm. Info/res: 978-9495.

RaW Materials present "Indecent Materials," a night of political theater at its most pure—work based on the words of Sen Jesse Helms & activist/ACT UP founder Larry Kramer. 8 pm, $10. Final performance! Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

NOV 2 / MON

Self-Defense for Women: Course taught by 2nd degree Black Belt Terri Giamartino. Learn essential, effective & powerful techniques in a safe, non-competitive environment. 5 wks, $36. Spirit Theater Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-3232.

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm tonight & 11/16 at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Group offers writing support to women over 50 years old. Info: 626-7000.

Lesbian Playwrights of Color Wkshop: In-depth, free workshop spons by Theatre Rhino. Covers all aspects of play writing and production. Interested? Attend tonight's orientation meeting, 7 pm at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF, for details or call 552-4100.

At Gaia Bookstore: Elizabeth Cunningham discusses her novel, *The Return of the Goddess: A Divine Comedy*, the story of the wife of an Episcopal priest whose life is transformed by a Goddess figurine; a chronicle of the contemporary struggle between the Church of Our Fathers & the Mother's sacred ground in the lives of women today. 7:30 pm. 1400 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-4172.

parents & kids box

Goblin Jamboree at Bay Area Discovery Museum: 10/24 10 am-4 pm, 10/25 noon-4 pm. Haunted House, trick-or-treat doors, magicians, pony rides & carousel. Small activities fee, admission to museum is free. Come in costume, or just come! Bay Area Discovery Museum, 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. Info: 332-9646.

Jack O'Lantern Jamboree at Children's Fairyland, 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakl. 10/29 & 30, 6:30-9 pm, 10/31 noon-2:30 pm and 5:30-8 pm. 14th annual jamboree provides exciting lineup of Halloween entertainment/activities for kids & their families: rides & attractions (haunted tunnel, fright train, Pirate's Cove); trick or treat trail (costumed characters greet trick or treaters 12 yrs of age or under at different locations throughout the park, make sure the kids bring their own bags); Professor Phear's Carnival (games of chance & skill for young goblins); plus hours of entertainment on two stages—jugglers, storytellers, magicians, etc; food & drink and lots of fun, don't miss! Tix $3.75 each, 50 cents extra for some rides. Info: (510) 452-0584. This event sells out regularly, so get your tix early.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Halloween Party: 10/25, 3-5 pm. For info/location call 457-1115.

Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents spons panel of children & youth of lesbian & gay parents. 11/20, 7-9 pm at First Presbyterian Church, corner of Mission & E, San Rafael, in the Geneva Room (2nd floor). Childcare provided ($2 per family). Info: 457-1115.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 10/31: **"Not-too-Scary" Halloween Show** with Plum City Players (Bonnie Lockhart, Nancy Schimmel, Ann Hershey). Original tunes & int'l folktales for kids & their families. 11/7: Amiguitos de La Pena present **haunting silly songs** with Gerry Tenney. 11/14: Mascaritas Puppet Theater presents **The Selfish Giant**, story adapted from the Little Red Riding Hood tale. 11/21: Amiguitos present **lively music concert** for kids with *Gary Lapow*. 11/28: **Songs & games** with Annie, Bonnie & Nancy of **Plum City Players**.

Storytime at Cody's series for kids ages 4-10, each Sat at 11 am. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852. Call to confirm reading schedule.

Saturdays at the Randall Museum: Programs for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes last 1-2 hrs. Classes start at 1 pm, sign-ups begin at 12:30 pm. Come early, space limited. Call 554-9600 for schedule & other info.

Animal Talk at the Randall Museum: Every Sat. Drop-in 12-12:30 pm and 2:15-2:45 pm. All ages, kids under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. No reg required. Chance to see some of the Randall's animals close up and in person. Call 554-9600 for info.

Mascaritas Puppet Theater presents "The Hungry Wolf," an adaptation of the Little Red Riding Hood story. 10/24, 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids: **Native American Kathy Martinez** (Achumawi/Apache) tells stories from different cultural areas of the US. 10/31 at 10:30 am, $3 adults, $2 kids: **Plum City Players** prsent a not-very-scary Halloween show with songs, music, games & stories. 10/31 at 2 pm, $5 adults, $2 kids: **Hawaii & Belize**: A program for the whole family. Concert with Sissy Kaio from Hawaii and Chatuye from Belize. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

The Parenting Program of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services presents the final 1992 series of their popular "Choosing Children" program. Two-day event (11/7 & 8) features panel discussions on specific topics related to becoming a parent and on the variety of choices possible in creating lesbian, gay & bisexual families. Topics discussed include: legal issues, getting pregnant, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth and lesbians, gay men & bisexuals creating family together. Pre-reg required, early registration strongly advised. Limited number of work exchange slots available, childcare provided. Info: Cynthia Chan, Program Director, 565-7674.

Halloween Festival at the Randall Museum: 10/31, 11 am-3 pm. Pumpkin carving, trick-or-treat bag decorating, face painting, nocturnal gallery, games, costume parade, hot food & drinks. Also Ghoulish Rummage & Book Sale. Free admission, minimal fee for some events & food. Info/schedule: 554-9600. 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt, SF, near Ralph K Davies Medical Center.

"According to Coyote," family show with John Kauffman, playwright of Nez Perce descent, gives kids a rare insight into the folkmore, music & dance of Native Americans. 11/14, 2-4 pm, $8 adults, $5 kids 12 & under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts' SecondStage, corner of Castro & Mercy Sts, Mountain View. Info/res: 903-6000.

National Theatre for Children presents Pinocchio, 11/13 at Oakland's Paramount Theatre. Call (800) 245-4603 for info/res.

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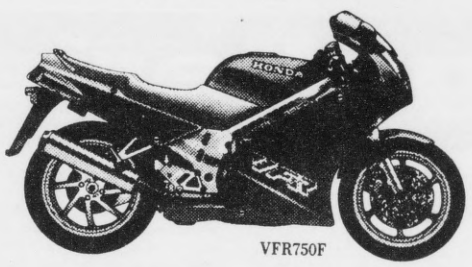

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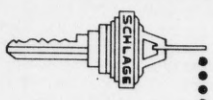

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Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Lisa Geduldig. 8 pm, $4. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7 pm. 3583 16th St at Market. Info: 861-7933.

OCT 3 / T U E

Chink Chicks/*American Women*: Video/lecture by director Elle Chan. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. A critical look at Hollywood stereotypes of Asian women. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-0400.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by African American artist/athlete Stan Stone. 7 pm, $12. Info/res: 621-6294.

"Planes of Consciousness," a talk by Rev Karene Jen, Church of Amron minister. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Rounds Singing Class for Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom in many languages, from many centuries. No musical experience necessary. Class meets in Berkeley on Tues, 7:15-9 pm and in SF on Thurs, 7:15-9 pm. For class & fee info call Kay 285-9642.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Deborah Fruin, Madelon Spengnether, Amber Coverdale Sumall & Mary Michael Wagner read from *Lovers: Writings by Women*, a collection of love stories covering the ups & excruciating downs of lesbian & heterosexual women's experience. 8 pm, $3-10 benefits Women's Voices, the OWT's cultural events series. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 821-4675.

NOV 4 / W E D

8th Annual Film Arts Festival: Today thru 11/8 at the Roxie Cinema. A celebration of Bay Area independent film & video. Call 552-FILM for program details.

Men's Discovery Discussion Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: Gay Retirement Planning. Led by George Birimisa. For mtg time & other info call 626-7000.

See *Blast 'Em* at the Red Vic Movie House: Film by Joseph Blasioli is a funny, rude & irreverent inside look at the world of paparazzi & their celebrity prey as they stalk, confront & photograph, sometimes with their subject's consent, more often without. Film forces a rethinking of the pop culture values we often take for granted. Film runs thru 11/10. Showtimes: Wed at 2:15, 7:15 & 9:20; Thurs, Mon & Tues at 7:15 & 9:20; Fri at 6, 8 & 10; Sat & Sun at 2:15, 6, 8 & 10. 1727 Haight St, SF.

"Phranc's Brief Encounter," Opening Reception for art exhibit by the All-American Jewish lesbian folksinger Phranc, who will be performing at Josie's Cabaret 11/6-8. See exhibit of Phranc's 3-D pop cardboard sculpture, and meet the artist. 5-7 pm, free. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

"A Healing Eve for Women of Color & Jewish Women," wkshop with Chi Kung master teacher Dr Khaleghl Quinn. Addresses how to deflect negative messages & empower ourselves. Class includes methods to de-stress, strategies for basic self-defense, and exercises to re-vitalize & relax. Info/reg: Vicki Dello Joio 826-5244.

Course in Miracles Group spons by Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) meets 7-9 pm tonight & 11/11, 18 & 25. Ongoing study group promotes personal & spiritual growth. $1. Newcomers welcome! Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

Women's Voices/Old Wives' Tales & the Film Arts Foundaton prsent *Mary Frances: A Taste of Life*, a superb, sensual documentary portrait of the late author MFK Fisher, accompanied by four short films. Event is the kick-off for the 8th annual Film Arts Festival. 7 pm at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Info: 552-FILM.

At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: Author Judith Blackstone discusses her book *The Subtle Self*, about "how we can become fully ourselves & fine tune our awareness." 7:30 pm, $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Author Susan Griffin (*Women & Nature, Pornography & Silence***)** reads from her new book, *A Chorus of Stones: The Private Life of War*. 7:30 pm. A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

"A Letter to the Future," a benefit for New College of Calif's Arts & Social Change Program Multicultural Scholarship Fund. Deconstructing documentary filmmaker Trinh T Minh-ha (*Surname Viet Given Name Nam, Shoot for the Contents*) and intercultural installation/performance artist Guillermo Gomez-Pena (*Border Brujo, Art-Mageddon, Gringo Stroika*) have a public heart-to-heart with young artist activists from throughout the Bay Area. Program includes performance, video & activist art. 8 pm, $15 gen'l, $5 stdnts. New College Theatre, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. Info/res: 626-0884 voicemail #213. Reservations suggested.

Heiot Revolt, faggot heavy metal band, at Faster Pussycat, 3160 16th St, SF, in celebration of their new CD, "In Your Face, Up Your Butt." 11 pm.

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See *Blast 'Em* at the Red Vic—11/4 has details.

Ladyboys, an essayistic videowork on Thai cross-dressing, by British director Jeremy Marre. Told from the point of view of two young transvestites who leave their small rural community for the glamour of big city life & the spectacular drag cabarets. Film describes a world in which definitions of gender are inescapable from the economics of exploitation. Once esteemed figures in classical Thai dance, the *katois*, as Thai drag performers are called, have now been reduced to workers in a pseudo-glamorous sex industry. Director Marre present at screening. Also see John Goss' short *Bangkok (Fighting AIDS)* with the White Line Dance Troupe combining traditional dance & AIDS information, creating a unique form of cultural activism. Thai snacks served at screening. For showtime & tix info call (510) 642-1412. Pacific Film Archive, University Art Museum, Berkeley.

Marin BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Business Mtg: 7-9:30 pm. For directions call Janice & Avril 383-6737.

Rainbow's End youth group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 14-23 (only) meets tonight & 11/12 & 19. All first-time visitors should attend drop-in time from 6:30-7 pm. Gen'l group time for everyone is from 7-9 pm. To leave a message call 457-3523, messages picked up on Thurs eves. For more info call 457-1115.

Rounds Singing for Women: Learn beautiful rounds of love, work, play, spirit & freedom, in many languages, from many centuries. No musical experience necessary! SF location. Thurs 7:15-9 pm. For class & fee info call Kay 285-9642.

At Sisterspirit Women's Books: Author Anne Livia (*Minimax, Relatively Norma*) reads from her translation of Natalie Barney's writings. 7:30 pm. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Project Inform founder Martin Delaney discusses Jonathon Kwitny's book, *Acceptable Risks*, a riveting account of early AIDS drug smuggling. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Relationships With Our Parents, a pre-holiday discussion with PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays). All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 723-4196 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

New Horizons rap/social group for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth ages 22-29 meets tonight. All first-time visitors should attend drop-in time from 7:45-8 pm. Group time for everyone at 8-9:30 pm. Tonight's topic: Sex between friends. Leave a message at 457-3523 (messages picked up on Thurs eves) or call 457-1115 for more info.

Partner of Survivors of Incest Anonyous meets 8-9:30 pm at Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Free. Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors & multiple personalities. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Angel Corpus Christi and band in concert at Josie's Cabaret: SF's cult figurine brings her racy dance-pop band to Josie's for one show only! 8:30 pm, $7. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Master European Paintings," from the National Gallery of Ireland, thru 12/6. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Photos by Linda Connor capturing sacred sites & spiritual artifacts, on exhibit thru 1/3. "Wright Morris: Origin of a Species," photos & words capturing America's vernacular past, on exhibit thru 11/1. 1992 SEC/Art Award exhibit, thru 11/8. Luciano Fabaro: A Retrospective, on exhibit thru 11/29. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Asian Art Museum: "Brushstrokes: Styles & Techniques of Chinese Painting," on exhibit thru 1/3. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission $5 gen'l, $3 srs, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Info: 668-7855.

SF Camerawork: "Murder as Phenomena," exhibit is "an interrogation of murder in our society & consciousness" examining our horror & fascination with murder and our complicity in accepting & condoning it, as well as a look at issues concerning morality & the sanctity of life, the impact of mass media & the role of the individual as witness, victim & perpetrator, and the pervasiveness of violence in society. Several panels, lectures & performances are scheduled in conjunction with this exhibit during Oct & Nov, call SF Camerawork or see Main Calendar for details. Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Judah L Magnes Museum: 30th anniversary exhibit highlights the museum's important work in rescuing, preserving, encouraging & exhibiting Jewish art. Thru 2/17. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "This is the American Earth," photos by Ansel Adams, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Eliot Porter, William Garnett, Edward Weston, Minor White & others, with narrative text by Newhall; thru 11/8. "Max Yavno: A Remembrance,", photo exhibit runs thru 11/8. "Jo Ann Walters: Women, Girls & Families," emotionally-charged color images of women in their families; thru 11/8. "Open Space/Lukas Felzmann: Muse & Restraint," thru 11/8. "John Wilson White: A Photographic Installation," 11/18-1/17. "Elliott Erwitt: To the Dogs," snapshots of four-footed personalities, 11/18-1/17; "Maximum Repose: Portraits by Ansel Adams," 11/14-2/14. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Pogo Golden Anniversary," an exhibit of the works of Walt Kelly, one of the first socially conscious cartoonists; thru 1/3. "Dangle Meets Dolezal," from the pages of the *SF Bay Guardian*, thru 11/1. "This Modern World," exhibit of work by cartoonist Dan Perkins aka Tom Tomorrow, 11/18-2/14. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-9481.

The Clay Studio: "Beyond the Armory III," group show of artists working at the Clay Studio, thru 11/8. 52 Julian St, SF. Hrs: Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 am-5 pm, or by appt. Info: 431-6296.

Eye Gallery: 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Thurs noon-7 pm, Fri-Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 922-0706.

New Langton Arts: Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Robert Koch Gallery: "The Fire & the Aftermath: The Oakland/Berkeley Hills," exhibit of photos by 18 artists marking the one-year anniversary of the Oakland fire. 10/22-11/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Classical Chinese Furniture," thru 11/1. "Jewish Papercuts," 11/7-1/2, opening reception 11/10, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "On Painting: The Work of Elmer Bischoff & Joan Brown," dual retrospective on exhibit thru 12/27 at Galleries 1 & 2. Hrs: Wed-Sun 11 am-5 pm. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center: Civic Center Plaza, Baird & 25th St, Richmond. Wheelchair Accessible. Hrs: 10 am-4:30 pm, Tues-Fri; noon-4:30 pm Sat & Sun. Info: (510) 620-6772.

The Jewish Museum: "Bridges & Boundaries: African Americans & American Jews," a major exhibit examining the complex relationship btwn African Americans & American Jews in the 20th century. Organized by the Jewish Museum, NYC, with the Nat'l Assoc for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the exhibit features over 350 artifacts & art objects including paintings, sculptures, photos, documents, memorabilia & audiovisual material. Exhibit runs thru 12/20. 121 Steuart St btwn Mission & Howard, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun, Mon-Wed noon-6 pm, Thurs noon-8 pm. Closed Fri & Sat. $3 adults, $1.50 srs & stdnts, kids under 12 are free. Info: 543-8880.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts: Paintings by David Tomb, on exhibit 10/21-11/28. Opening reception 10/25, 3-6 pm. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

KBBK Studios: Hrs: 3-6 pm Thurs and Fri, 2-5 pm Sat, and by appt. 465 Broderick St at Hayes, SF. Info: 563-9046.

Morphos Gallery: "Scott Siedman: Dirty Pictures," exhibit of paintings, works on paper & sculpture, thru Nov, along with "En una hora gris," a *Dia de los muertos* exhibit of collaborative multimedia work by Julio Morales & Domingo Nuno. Opening reception for the artists on 11/6, 7-9 pm. Comprehensive exhibit of photos by black & white photos by the int'lly renowned artist Charles Gatewood, on exhibit thru Oct. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm, Thurs noon-9:30 pm, and by appt. Info: 626-1936.

MACE Space for Art: 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Vision Gallery: "Oliver Gagliani: Vintage Contact Prints," photos on exhibit thru 11/14. "Robert Doisneau: A Birthday Tribute," photos on exhibit thru 11/14. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

At Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: "The First Day of the Rest of Our Lives," works by multimedia artists Margaret Crane & Jon Winet, and "Ballistic Linguistics," mixed media/sculpture by Randy Hussong, on exhibit 11/3-12/1. Opening reception 11/3, 5:30-7:30 pm. 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

The Lab Gallery: "Women & Violence," a video program curated by Cecilia Doughtery in conjunction with the "Feminism, Activism & Art" conference spons by The Lab & SF Camerawork. Exhibit runs 10/21-11/14 & features short video works on the subject of women & violence including *My Penis* by Lutz Bacher, *Raid on a Peruvian Lesbian Bar* by Lucretia Bermudez, *Perils* by Abigail Child, *No Means Know* by Hrafnider Gunnarsdottir, *Yes Means Yes. No Means No.* by Dee Russell & Scarlet Harlot; and more. Works available for screening 10/21-11/14, during regular gallery hours. Reception for the artist & talk about women and violence held 11/4 at 7 pm. 1807 Divisadero St at Bush, SF. Free. Hours: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm.

Spectrum Gallery: "Angels," group show of over 40 artists in various media, revealing the sacred, veiled wishes of human consciousness known as angels; on exhibit 11/11-12/31, opening reception 11/10, 5:30-8 pm. "Vernissage," group exhibit of work by 16 artists in various media; thru 10/30. 511 Harrison St at 1st, SF. Info: 495-1113.

John Pence Gallery: Recent oil paintings by NY artist Jason Gaillard, on exhibit thru 11/28. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Ghia Gallery: "Dead Daze," exhibit inspired by Day of the Dead, a startling show of photos & mixed media monotypes by Andy Frasheaski, Glenn McKay & Jackie Kirk. 10/28-11/30, opening reception/Halloween bash on 10/30, 6:30-9:30 pm. 2648 3rd St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat 1-6 pm, and by appt. Info: 282-3832.

17th Annual SF Open Studios: 3 consecutive wkends, 10/31-11/15. Over 600 visual artists throughout SF welcome the general public into their studios as part of this annual event. Kickoff with an opening night Halloween Costume Party, 10/29 at Somar Gallery, public welcome! Artists located east of Hwy 101 open their studios 10/31-11/1 (Marina, North Beach, South of Market, Potrero Hill, Bayview, Bayshore, etc); artists west of Hwy 101 welcome the public 11/7-8 (Mission, Bernal Heights, Noe Valley, Castro, Haight, Richmond, Sunset, etc). On 11/14-15 over 125 artist with studios at Hunters Point Shipyard welcome the public. Admission free, no reservations required. For a directory & other info call 861-9838.

on stage

The Yeomen of the Guard Gilbert & Sullivan's musical about true love & tender romance, performed by Lamplighters Musical Theatre. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 11/1. Tix $21. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755.

Bent by Martin Sherman. Powerful drama of faith & defiance among homosexuals during the time of the Nazis. Theatre Rhino production. Runs thru 10/25 at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

3rd Annual Solo Mio Festival of Solo Performance features work by 36 artists from across the United States & abroad. Program: At **Intersection for the Arts:** Mac Wellman's "Terminal Hip," a spectral portrait of America. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 11/1. At **Braval:** Cheryl Marie Wade's "A Woman with Juice," the story of a disabled woman's journey from "damaged goods" to self-esteem. Thru 11/1, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm. For tix & other info call the Solo Mio Information Line 776-9204.

The Lisbon Traviata by Terrence McNally. Theatre Rhino production. Play veers from high comedy to stark tragedy as it follows the troubled course of a gay relationship—using an obsession with grand opera as a metaphor to underscore the larger-than-life passions which bring the play to an explosive conclusion. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm, thru 10/25. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $12. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Appearance of Civilization, a performance piece based on the writings of Bartholemew de Las Casas, a Spanish historian & colleague of Christopher Columbus who advocated Indian Rights in a day when such a stance was considered heresy. Similar modern commentary is interwoven into the text, created by Chris Hardman. Antenna Theater production, A site-specific performance on the beach, challenging the Columbus Quincentennial and American textbook history. Runs Fri-Sat thru 10/30 at 8 pm, at Ocean Beach, SF. Dress warmly. Tix $14.92. Info/res: 332-4862.

Apple Pie with George & Jane, the hit political satire is open for a final pre-election run at the Union Square Holiday Inn, SF. Life on the Water production. Play is an interactive comedy staged as a campaign fundraising banquet. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 11/1. 8 pm. Tix: $20 Thurs & Sun, $22 Fri & Sat. Prices include dessert & show. Info/res: 776-5496.

Ceremonies of Prayer by Evan Blake. Play loosely based on the life of artist Vincent Van Gogh & his relationship with his caring brother Theo. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 11/1 at 8 pm. SF Performers Theatre production. SF Performers Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg C, third floor (Marina & Laguna Sts), SF. Tix $12 gen'l, $10 srs & stdnts. Tix at STBS.

The Secret Rapture by David Hare. Free-spirited Isabel is crushed when her materialistic sister twists family relationships and Isabel's lover to her advantage. Phoenix Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sun at 8 pm thru 11/8. 301 8th St, SF. Call 621-4423 for info/res.

The Second Coming of Joan of Arc written & performed by Carolyn Gage, from an adaptation of Vita Sackville-West's biography. Play, which draws on Sackville-West's examination of trial documents, challenges the myths about Joan of Arc by portraying her as a militant, angry leader, accused of sleeping with women and wearing men's clothing; who was clever, unrepentant and true to her visions. A LOLA (League of Lesbian Actors) production. Runs 10/31 at 8 pm & 11/1 at 7 pm in the Concert Chamber of Santa Rosa's Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts. Tix $10-12 SL fee. Wheelchair Accessible. No scents or perfumes, please. Info/res: (707) 546-3600.

Don't Explain by Samuel B Harps, III. Play about the life and death of African American trumpeter Lee Morgan, a star jazz musician who was gunned down in February 1972 by his wife during a performance at a New York jazz club. Play, a mixture of "passionate love, heroin addiction and artistic genius," is an ExiTheatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 11/21. Tix: $10 Fri & Sat, "pay what you can" on Thurs. 366 Eddy St, btwn Leavenworth & Jones, SF. Info/res: 673-3847.

Love Bus: ode to the road—Late Night Marsh presents performance physicist Dave Cooke in a one-night-only show, a mixture of live performance, video & over 200 slides, about various topics including baseball, cemeteries, hitchhiking, physics, phone sex & process serving. 10/30, 10:30 pm, $7. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.

Charlie Varon returns to The Marsh with two productions, his hit show, **Honest Prophets**, an improbable & hilarious blend of comedy, politics, religion & madness, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/31; and his new piece, **An Ounce of Prevention**, an evening with Californians for Earthquake Prevention & Climactic Improvement, runs Sundays, thru 11/1 at 8 pm. The Marsh, 968 Valencia nr 21st, SF. Tix $7-10 Thurs, $12 Fri & Sat, $10 stdnts, srs & financially disadvantaged. Info/res: 641-0235.

Without A Net, original revue of comic, dramatic & musical scenes created by & about older gays & lesbians. 8 pm, 11/6 & 13, 5 pm 11/7 & 14, 3 pm 11/8 & 15. Theatre Rhino production. 2926 16th St, SF. For tix info & res call 861-5079.

Homo for the Holidays, a new comedy revue with music, created by a team of writers under the direction of John F Karr and F Allen Sawyer. Show highlights the rich diversity of experience the lesbian/gay community brings to bear on Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Winter Solstice, New Year's & other holiday celebrations. Opens 11/14, runs Wed-Sat 11/18-12/12 at 8 pm. Matinee performances at 3 pm on 11/22, 29 & 12/6, 5 pm performances on 11/21, 28 & 12/5 & 12. Theatre Rhino production. 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $11-17. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Desert Music: A Live Sho: George Coates Perfomrance Works presents a fully staged production based on the legend of DB Cooper, who in 1971 skyjacked a commercial airliner & parachuted out over wilderness terrain in the western US with $200,000. The audience will get to experience much of what Cooper might have experienced, including the opportunity to get away with real money that falls from above, but does not belong to them. Show previews 10/23-11/7, opens 11/11 & runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 12/6. Tix $14-34 gen'l, $10-25 previews. Performance Works Theater, 110 McAllister, Civic Center, SF. Info/res: 863-4130.

The Arms of Helen by Mary Jo Price & Cara Hale Alter. Play takes a fresh look at the Trojan War, focusing on Clytemnestra, wife of Agamemnon & Cassandra, a prophetic daughter of the Trojan King Priam, telling the parallel stories of these two women who are on

opposing sides of the war. Theatre Forte production. Previews 11/11, runs Fri-Mon at 8 pm, 11/13-12/7. SoMar Theatre, 934 Brannan St, btwn 8th & 9th Sts, SF. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 882-1199.

Dancing with The Missing by Ron Conboy. Enticed by big bucks, a hard-boiled collection agent agrees to lead the search for a missing Central American child, and immediately finds herself caught in a fantastic web of murder, intrigue & prophetic dreams. El Teatro de la Esperanza production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 10/23-11/8. Mission Theater, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info/res: 695-6970.

Gakuya, premiere of the English translation of this play by Japanese playwright Kunio Shimizu; an examination of the ephemeral line between life & death. Theatre of Yugen production. Opens 10/28, runs Thurs-Sun 10/29-11/15. 8 pm Thurs-Sat, 3 pm Sun. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Tix $8 preview, $15 opening night, $12 evening performances. Info/res: 621-0507.

The Island by South African playwright Athol Fugard. Tale of friendship & frustration, an insightful & incisive production brought to the US by African-British director Bunmi Popoola, after a highly acclaimed London run. New Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Tues 11/3 thru 11/15; call for exact times. New Conservatory Theatre Ctr, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $12 11/3 & 4 (previews), $14 Thurs & Sun, $16 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Present by Leslie Scalpino. "The heroine of The Present, in love with James Dean, finds herself in a desert pocked with fires in which the henna man, a drug dealer, is being carried in a white cocoon by starving boys. Although this is the actual present we're in, we can't stay in it at the same time that's in the play. So people should be as cattle, dreaming." New Langton Arts production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 10/22-24, 29-31 (10/29 show starts at 9 pm). Tix $6. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 626-5416. Limited seating.

A Chorus Line, Broadway legend returns to SF for 3 weeks only, 10/20-11/8 at Golden Gate Theater, 1 Taylor St, Golden Gate at Market, SF. For tix info & res, call (510) 762-BASS.

Mann Ist Mann ("A Man is a Man") by Bertolt Brecht, an original adaptation based on the Gerhard Neillhaus version, edited by John Willet. A rich, bawdy, satiric indictment of war, of co-optation and of forfeiture of one's identity to purchase social inclusion. Encore Theater production. Opens 11/5 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sun thru 11/29. 8 pm Wed-Sat, 7 pm Sun, 4 pm matinee on 11/14, 21 & 28; 2 pm matinee on 11/29. No performance on Thanksgiving Day, 11/26. Tix $15 gen'l, $12 stdnts & srs. Hastings Theatre, 450 Geary St, btwn Mason & Taylor, SF. Info/res: 567-6076.

It Can't Happen Here, new adaptation of the controversial Federal Theater Project play based on Sinclair Lewis' novel, a cautionary tale about the rise of a fascist government in America. A small New England town is swayed by a right-wing, America-first politician who ascends to the Presidency, only to establish a Hitler-like dictatorship over the country. Z Collective production. Runs Fri-Mon at 8 pm, 10/27-11/15, with two Sun matinees at 2 pm, 11/8 & 15. Tix $14 Fri & Sat, $12 Sun, $10 SL fee on Mondays (no one turned away for lack of funds). Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Marina Blvd at Buchanan, SF. Info/res: 543-9505.

When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder? by Mark Medoff. A dramatic lament for the lost American hero. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/31. Miz Brown's Restaurant, 2565 Mission St nr 22nd, SF. Info/res: 921-2769.

Red Diaper Baby by Josh Kornbluth. Kornbluth's comic recollections of growing up as the son of impassioned Communist parents on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Climate Theatre production. Runs 10/21-11/8, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm. Magic Theater, Ft Mason Ctr, Bldg B, SF. Tix $16-20. Info/res: 441-8822.

The Last Spirit Boxer: The life & Times of a Chinese Laundry Man, a one-man play written & performed by Charlie Chin. Asian American Theater Co production. Runs Wed-Sun 11/4-22. 8:30 pm Wed-Sat, 7:30 pm Sun. Tix $13-15. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

Suzanne Westernhoefer: "She's here, she's queer, and she's going to be appearing at The Improv 11/3-22. 401 Mason St at Geary, SF. Call 441-7808 for tix info/res. Don't miss!

Basically Bobrow, one man show by well-known Bay Area composer/performer Morrie Bobrow in The Coconut Room, Joe LoCoco's Ristorante at Drake's Landing, Greenbrae. Night of humorous, witty song, thru 11/1. Tix $35 for dinner & show, $15 show only. Dinner served from 6:30 pm, show at 8:30. Info/res: 925-0808.

Family Unbound, an evening of two one-acts presented by Sudden Space West. **Naomi in the Living Room** by Christopher Durang is a raucous comedy exploring the dysfunctional family at its most extreme, as a son brings his wife home for a holiday visit with mother. **Scarecrow** by Don Nigro is a haunting drama exploring the ritual of behavior within a family whose destructive secret is perpetuated from one generation to the next, and a mother's desperate struggle to break the cycle of evil that threatens her daughter's future. Opens 10/29, runs Fri-Sun thru 11/1, Thurs-Sat 11/5-7. All performances at 8 pm except 11/1 performance, at 7 pm. Tix $10. Bannam Place Theater, 50B Bannam Place, off Green at Grant in North Beach, SF. Info/res: 986-2701.

No Trace of the Blonde by Holly Hughes, with music by Tiye Giraud. Story of two teenage girls, one white, one Black, who are trying to create a new form of science, despite the gravitational pull of the white girl's mother, a woman too big for the rut she is stuck in. Play explores how an attraction between two young women of two different races could deepen & grow. Life on the Water production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 11/5-15. Life on the Water Theater, Ft Mason Bldg B, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 stndts & srs. Info/res: 776-8999.

Pillory by Shane Caroll. A one-act tragicomedy about the intertwining of the legal system, the nuclear family and pregnancy. Above Brainwash Theatre & Linda Serbu production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm 10/22-11/8. Tix $7. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 863-7035.

Indecent Materials a theatre piece based on the words of gay activist & ACT UP founder Larry Kramer and right-wing North Carolina senator Jesse Helms. Pure political theater. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 10/14-11/1 at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 861-7933.

The 23 Sexes, performance piece by Santa Cruz artist Bruce Lee. Work consists of two one-acts: **Love Lies**, a bitter & charming look at love & sex from the dark to the sublime, attempts to explain why men wil fuck anything that moves, the etiquette for ex-lovers, and int'l derivations for pleasure & suffering. The 2nd half of **23 Sexes** is a mesmerizing web of images & stories based on the premise that our natural condition is polymorphous perversity. The Bulkhead production. Play runs 10/23-25 at Santa Cruz Art League, 526 Broadway, Santa Cruz. Info/res: (408) 429-1663.

Laughter in the Dark, three comedies on human frailty, presented by Climate Theatre. **Shelf Life** by O-Lan Jones, Andrea Stein & Jim Turner is the drama of 3 siblings in their early 30s who grew up in a fallout shelter built by their paranoid, long-deceased father. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, 11/12-29. **Pre-Game** by David Curran is a funny but poignant exploration of macho male bonding rituals & the relationship between a father & his grown son. Play opens 12/2, runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 12/27. **Ribs** is a revival of Colm Wood's two-character Faustian farce, a demonic satire on a dehumanizing interview between a sleazy Hollywood agent & his client, an actress willing to compromise body & soul for fame. Opens 12/3, runs Thurs-Sat at 10 pm thru 12/20. For tix info & res call 626-9196. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF.

The Mysterious Stranger: A Vampire Tale, Caliburn Productions, in cooperation with the City of Oakland, presents an innovative play based on an anonymously written 19th century vampire story by the same name. Play follows the adventures of a group of early 17th century travelers on an ill-fated journey into the Carpathian Mountains, a supernatural tale of coercion & deceit, staged in the Fernwood picnic area of Joaquin Miller Park, Oakl. 10/22-31 at 7:30 pm. Tix $10 adv, $12 at the event. As the production is held outdoors, audience members are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes & dress warmly. Refreshments available for purchase. Info/res: (510) 261-6138.

Memory of Fire by Eduardo Galeano. An adaptation of Uruguayan author Galeano's documentary novel set on the American continent before the arrival of the Europeans, continuing thru to the recent past. SF State University School of Creative Arts production. Runs Fri-Sun 10/30-11/1 and Wed-Sun 11/4-8. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Studio Theatre, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info/res: 338-2467.

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► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 539 Hayes St, SF CA 94102. Office: 252-9275. Hotline: 252-9200.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

***Directory: HIV Clinical Trials** in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

Bay Area HIV Support & Education Services deals with issues & problems surrounding HIV & its impact on multicultural, multiracial communities. Provides support groups for gay/bisexual men of all colors in SF & Oakl. Also provides transportation assistance to medical appts & to pick up medication to HIV positive people in SF. Info: 749-6714. Fax: 749-6706.

Refiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their

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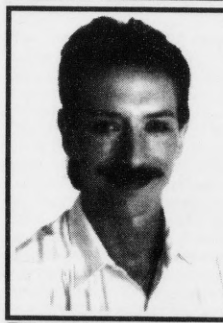

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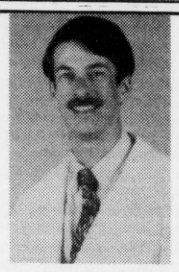

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San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Theater classes (theater games, improv, production, both beg & adv folks are welcome), art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-1701. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergy & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

St Dominic's AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Support Group meets alternate Tues eves at 7:30 pm at St Dominic's Parish Priory, 2390 Bush St, SF. Everyone welcome! Info: 567-7824.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Immune Enhancement Program offers low-cost research and treatment programs for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ persons using Chinese herbs in tablet forms. Program is directed by Michael Young and run in cooperation with the Institute for Traditional Medicine, Portland, Oregon. Program includes T-cell assays, monthly acupuncture sessions, herbal consults, and all herbal tablets needed. Low-cost, $190, made possible by grants. 3450 16th St, SF. Info: 252-8711.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV+ Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Lori Lee 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Drop-In Group on AIDS/HIV for Asian and Pacific Islander Men. Free. Find out about HIV testing, what puts you at risk, health monitoring, early intervention, HIV treatment, negotiating relationships and safer sex. Group & invidual consultations are available. Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Health Center #1, 3850 17th St btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. Info: GAPA Community HIV Project 575-3939, Filipino Task Force on AIDS 703-9880, Japanese American AIDS Project 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Mon at 6:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD) & the Hearing Society. Mental health services, hearing aid & decoding equipment loans, and more. Call Florrie Burke at the Center on Deafness, 476-4980 (voice), 476-7600 (TDD) or Jerry Friedman at the Hearing Society, 863-4710 (voice), 863-2550 (TDD).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Persons With AIDS Theatre: Offers workshops & support groups; plus stage performances, fundraisers. All theatre staff are volunteers, all services free. 140 Page St, SF. Ste 3. Info: 863-1632.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

The HIV Connection? Group composed of a broad spectrum of people who question the prevailing theory that HIV is a lethal virus which causes AIDS. Send SASE to The HIV Connection? 1072 Folsom St, Ste 321, SF 94103 for more info.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV+/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Thurs at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV+ Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newslet-

Musicare VI, the 6th annual AIDS/ARC benefit concert, with Chanticleer and the Magnificat Baroque Orchestra, takes place on Oct. 24. See Calendar for details.

Nat'l Theatre of the Deaf in "Ophelia" at UC Berkeley on Oct. 22. Photo by A. Vincent Scarano

"The Grapes of Wrath" plays thru Oct. 25 in the College of Marin's Fine Arts Theatre. See OnStage for info. Photo by Joseph Greco

ters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.
Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.
HIV Dementia Caregiver Study seeks participants who are friends, partners or family members assisting someone with HIV dementia. Research study looks at the special concerns, problems & needs created by caring for a loved one with dementia at home. Participation involves a one-time-only confidential interview lasting about an hour. Call Daniel Parker, MA at 905-6241 for details.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.
Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.
Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244
Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.
Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.
Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the"Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.
AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.
Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.
Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.
Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.
Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.
Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.
Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.
Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides group & individual counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems or taking psychiatric medication, or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one refused service for inability to pay. Info/intake appt: 626-7000 V/TTY. Wheelchair Accessible. 1853 Market St, SF.
Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.
Lesbian Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous Mtg (Lesbians Living in the Solution) meets Mon nights at 6:30 pm at The Meeting Place, 2187 Market St at 15th, SF. Room B. Come work on issues around sex, love, relationships & romance in a safe, anonymous 12-step environment.
Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.
For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.
Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.
Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 1l:30 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women's Support Group meets in SF every other Sun from 3-5 pm. Not a therapy group. Occasional social outings. Info: Jo Ellen 864-3859.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 753-0687.
Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month. Drop-in, self-facilitated group open to any bisexual, questioning or bifriendly woman. For location & other info call (408) 427-4556.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support/Social Group meets alternate Wed in Miil Valley. Info: Marilena 381-8865.
WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Intergenerational Relationships Between Lesbians: Lesbians who are or have been in a relationship with a woman 15 years younger or older than themselves are invited to submit personal narratives & photos for an anthology on intergenerational relationships between lesbians. Send SASE for guidelines to Pat Rutherford/Stacy Saetta, 3060 Porter St #31, Soquel, CA 95073. Deadline: 12/30.
Queer Propaganda: Submissions sought for exhibit of queer propaganda. Send SASE to Works/San Jose, 260 E. Jackson St, SJ 95112. Deadline: 12/1.
1993 March on Washington Proposal Requests accepted from trades & business people for merchandise & other production items related to the march. Proposals should include detailed descriptions, copies of past work, proposal mock-up, name, adress & phone or fax, and a timeline. Send to: March on Washington, 1012 14th St, Ste 705, Washington, DC 20005.
Call for Submissions of independently produced animated films for *Toontown Rats*, a bimonthly event curated by Bay Area cartoonist Keith Knight. VHS ½ inch or ¼ inch videotape accepted. For more details call 824-3890 or 752-4037. No entry fee. Next Deadline: 10/31.
Anything That Moves, *Beyond the Myths of Bisexuality,* a quarterly magazine by, for & about bisexuals, seeks feature articles, fiction, poetry, cartoons & photos for an upcoming issue on spirituality. Send SASE to 2404 California St #24, SF 94115 for giudelines, call 564-2226 for other info.
This Is Me Project seeks biographies & drawings from children of gay & lesbian parents. Guidelines: Kids ages 5-13, biological, foster or adopted. Subjects: Parents, friends, pets, school, life. Label drawings. Send SASE to This is Me Project, 266 21st Ave, #205, SF CA 94121.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon, a salon focused on sexuality & creativity, seeks writers/performers who want to read/perform work (their own or someone else's) that explores the full range of sex, sexuality & eroticism at a 11/22 salon. Men & women of all sexualities are welcome. For details leave a message at 544-1136.
We Shall Overcome, a fundraising anthology for ACT UP/Network, seeks submissions reflecting any type of creativity around AIDS activism—poetry, prose, excerpts, quotes, newspaper clippings, photos, journal entries, etc. Send to: ACT UP/Network, 8283 ¼ B Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046 or call Dan Levy (213) 656-7676. Deadline: 1/1/93.
SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, spons by Frameline, is accepting submissions for next year's event (6/18-27, 1993). Work in any genre, length or form by or about lesbians & gay men, especially work by women or people of color, is welcome. For preview purposes, work must be submitted on VHS or ¾" tape. Entries received before 1/1/93 are without handling fee, entries after that date should include a $10 fee for return within the US, $15 for international return. For more info & entry forms contact Frameline: PO Box 14792, SF CA 94114 or call (415) 703-8650, fax (415) 861-1404. Entry deadline: 3/1/93.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Lesbian Life-Drawing Group: Multicultural group meets every 2nd Sun of the month. Models provided. $7 fee. Info/location: 252-8514.
Men's Figure Drawing Salon: Informal, free & nude. Wed 7-9 pm. Info: 626-8349.
Women's Sing-A-Long: monthly mtg, Sat night. Informal, fun, easy. Bring guitar, voice, friends. All women welcome. Info/directions Birch 841-6032.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
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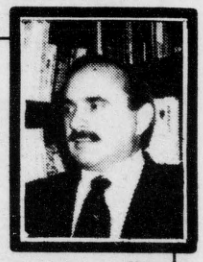
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Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.
G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call 843-9249.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 2? '_INK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.
Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors: "Empowerment Through Writing," monthly support group for women, using writing as a medium to share our lives as survivors. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: 839-8844.
Incest Survivor Group for Lesbians: 2nd phase group for lesbians who identify as survivors of incest & childhood sexual abuse, and have completed a 1st phase group. This group focuses on sexuality. Participants must be in individual therapy simultaneously. Spons by Operation Concern. For info/interview appt call Alesia Kunz, MFCC 626-7000, Mondays, 1:30-3 pm. SL fee.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.
Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
FOCUS: (Focus on Children Under Siege), see Political.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
United Colors of Queer Nation: Direct action group for queers of color. Composed of queer people of color united to bring our common issues to the foreground of discussion & increase our visibility within & outside of the queer community, thru direct action. For info on mtgs & actions call John 821-6108 or 985-7141.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
MAS (Multiracial African Support) Group by & for mixed-heritage "queers" who are proudly part African. MUST BE respectful/accepting of transsexuals, gays & bisexuals. Write: MAS, #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.
Nadlehs of Woda'abe: Support group by and for Native Americans with African blood who are equally proud of both cultures. Accepting of/respectful to transsexuals, bisexuals, gays, etc. Contact: Nadlehs of Woda'abe or N.W. #634, PO Box 410-990, SF 94141-0990.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that participates in the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 2nd Sat of each month. Monthly newsletter, "Ambiente." For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 626-8318.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Latin Lesbians of the Eastbay: Monthly mtgs just to socialize. Call Gloria (510) 530-3473 for info/location.
Chinese Lesbian Social Group: for info call 826-2455.
Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Anna 334-5040 for more information.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Bay Area HIV Support & Education Service (BAHSES) provides assistance to gay/bisexual men who are HIV positive—see AIDS Resources. Group spons by Black & White Men Together & Men of All Colors Together.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
BAYBLAG (Bay Area Black Lesbians & Gays) support group for men & women of African American descent. Spons social & political functions, facilities outreach programs, etc. Info: Midgett 648-3658, Dewitt 641-7971.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Female to Male Pre-Op Transsexual Survival/Support Group for FTMs of color. See Transgender Groups.
Theater Writing Class for lesbian, gay & bisexual young people of color. Ongoing, see Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts:

EXITheatre presents the West Coast premiere of "Don't Explain," through Nov. 21. See OnStage for details.
Photo by Laurie Gallant

Asian AIDS Project presents "Scary Queens" on Oct. 25. Calendar has info.

Suzanne Westenhoefer is here, she's queer, and she is appearing at the Improv Nov. 3-22. See Calendar for info.

"multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 681-8008. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Gay/Lesbian Chamber Music Circle: Meets monthly for dinner, informal performances by group members. Amateur musicians, all levels, welcome. Info: Michael (510) 525-6723, Bob (415) 863-8268.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Lesbian Visual Artists: A promotional & networking organization for lesbian visual artists. LVA follows an activist agenda, promoting visibility. Produces events, newsletter & exhibitions. For info call 821-2975 or write LVA, 3543 18th St #5, SF 94110.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Women Writers Group: All cultures & genres. New members welcome! Info: Debra (510) 261-8994 or Judy (415) 621-7709.

Bi-Monthly Women Writers Support Group for serious novelists who are published, or seeking publication. Not to show work, but to provide a supportive environment, share news, angst & ideas about "the (writer's) life." Info: Margo 666-3026.

Women's Writing Group in pursuit of Wild Mind meets weekly for freewriting as well as critiquing. For location, times & other info call 824-9608.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Sistah Boom, a mostly lesbian of color percussion band playing Afro-Brazilian/Caribbean rhythms at Gay Pride, pro-choice & anti-war events, seeks women of color, lesbian-feminist identified, musically-inclined & committed to unlearning racism work, to jam with one of the hottest percussion ensembles around. Info: Kay (510) 654-3360 or Adalia (510) 601-6844 (6-8 pm).

LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Outrage! San Francisco. Predominantly queer activist/direct action group devoted to exposing & opposing all forms of oppression. Operated by telephone networking & phone bank. Mtgs organized & called when needed around specific issues. To join, suggest an action, phone bank or attend a mtg call & leave your name & number on the Queer Line: 985-7141.

IRATE Anti-Bashing Project: Devoted to eliminating violence against the queer community by any means necessary. Also examines issues around violence, lateral aggression & internalized homophobia. Offers self-defense options & awareness. IRATE (Irked Radicals Addressing Terrorism thru Empowerment) is an affinity group of Outrage! SF. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. Group meets every Thurs at the Women's Bldg (starting 10/8), 3543 18th St, SF. For info call the Queer Line 985-7141 or write QN, Box 34, 3543 18th St, SF CA 94110.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. **BiPol:** bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Pallas Athena Network: An open, supportive network for women veterans to discuss issues, experiences, thoughts & ideas with other women who share the common bond of military service. Bimonthly publication, *Pallas Athena*, provides articles of interest to women vets, including letters, fiction, creative work & resource information. All women veterans, regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation, are welcome. A discreet supplement by/for lesbian vets is available. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Write: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

WHAM!/Bay Area: Women's Health Action & Mobilization, a women's direct action group committed to promoting women's health, securing & defending women's right to control our own bodies & have access to free community controlled healthcare for all women. Meets alternate Mon, 7 pm, at New College, 777 Valencia St at 19th, SF. All women who believe healthcare is political are welcome. Call 985-7141.

FOCUS (Focus on Children Under Siege) sees a future where children are no longer physically, emotionally or sexually abused. Monthly mtgs held 7-9 pm at Hayward Public Library, 835 "C" Street, Hayward. Info: (510) 449-4230 or (510) 449-9663.

Stonewall Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Ralph Payne 929-1591.

Eastbay Gay & Lesbian Commmittee for Clinton-Gore Campaign meets Wed at 7:30 pm. For info/location call Mark (510) 428-2333 or Therese (510) 524-0540.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Task Force of the Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission meets 1st Mon of each month at 5:30 pm in the County Bldg, 70 West Hedding St, lower level, San Jose. Info: Paul Wysocki (408) 275-9211.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 647-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 928-7318 for meeting times & other information.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. Call (510) 644-3302 or (510) 841-6032 for info/location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Palo Alto Lesbians & Gay Men meet monthly for potlucks in member homes. All ages, both sexes, singles, couples & multiracial welcome! Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Couples/SF Bay Area Group provides social, educational & humanitarian forum for gay & lesbian couples. For more info/events calendar, call Sam & Ted 929-8402 or Suzanne & Deborah 355-7710.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

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Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Fat Fridays: Schmoozing at Cafe Commons, 3161 Mission St, SF. 1st & 3rd Fridays. All fat dykes and fat queer womyn welcome! Info: Susan (510) 658-3300.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

► SPIRITUALITY

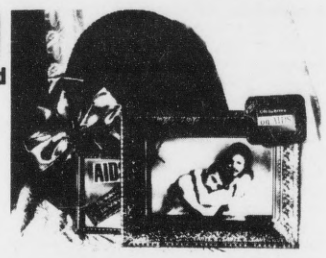
Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 1788, Sausalito, CA 94966. Please include your phone number.
Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.
Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.
Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.
St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.
Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.
St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.
Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!
Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.
American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle.* To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.
Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.
Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.
Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.
St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.
Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.
Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.
Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.
New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.
MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.
Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.
New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.
Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea (510) 370-0545 or Jeff (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.
Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.
St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.
Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.
Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Tues eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.
Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.
St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.
Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.
The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.
Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.
Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.
Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.
Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.
Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.
Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.
Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive community. Worship service: 10 am Sun. 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.
Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.
GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.
The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.
First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.
World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners, Wed at 5:30 pm.
Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.
Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.
First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets monthly to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.
Gay Religious Science Practitioner in final stage of formal training offers free scientific mind treatments in loving & non-dogmatic context. Call Robert Lokahi 832-7120.
Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Delores St, SF. Room 201. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am-noon at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 213. Info: 255-8460.
California Miracles Ctr: Well-established course in Miracles ministry in the Upper Market/Castro neighborhood. Sun morning service at 11 am. Principles of Healing Study Group meets every Sun morning at 9:30 am. Classes in ACIM meet at various times throughout the week, with two outreach classes now meeting in Oakland. 2269 Market St, SF. Info: 621-2556.
Marin Course in Miracles Group meets Tues 7-9:30 pm to discuss how the Course works in our lives. For location & other info call Bob 456-1108.
Aquarian Foundation: Church dedicated to God, individual rights, psychical research & spiritual miracles. Sun worship service at 11 am, spiritual psychic readings demonstrated. Spiritual healing services Wed at 8 pm. 2250 Taraval St, SF. Info: Rev Jann Werner 661-3622.
Gay Clergy Support Group for professed clergy. Socialize & network/exchange with other gay religious & clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

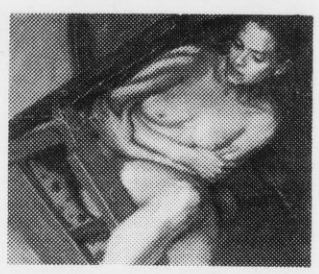
Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 654-9719 for details.
SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.
Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.
Baylands Frontrunners: For Peninsula & Southbay runners & walkers. Men & women welcome. Meets every Sat at 9 am, at the Baylands Athletic Center, Geng Road, off Embarcadero, east of 101, Palo Alto; and every Wed at 6 pm at Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino. For info call Linda (408) 229-1062 or Jay (415) 858-2800.
SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.
Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular 40-mile ride each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF.

Prince Albert Tucker and Mavuso Tshabalala appear in the London production of "The Island," Nov. 3-15 at the New Conservatory Theater Center, SF OnStage has info.

"545 Memoriam 55, No. 1" and others at the "Angels" group show at Spectrum Gallery. See Galleries for details.



Paintings by Jason Gaillard (pictured: "The Married Woman") at John Pence Gallery, SF. Galleries has info.



The title character of "A Mysterious Stranger: A Vampire Tale," will visit his crypt Oct. 22-31 in Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland. Check OnStage for details.

For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.
Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.
0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers, Gay & Lesbian Diving Club. North coast dives, certification classes, social events & warm water dives. For info send SASE to Sea Snakes, 291 Geary St, Ste 619A, SF, 94102-1863 or call 431-1340.
Swimming: SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Club invites swimmers of all ages, races, genders & abilities to enjoy the benefits of competitive and non-competitive swimming. Meets, lake swims, parties, int'l gay aquatic events, preps for the '94 Gay Games. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Call 467-4705 ext 4 for times, locations, & other info.
Gay/Lesbian Sailing on the Bay, for fun & relaxation. Call Bruce 626-2026 for details.
Premier Soccer: Premier lesbian players interested in playing hard & pretty, call 835-1095.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 327-5329 or 648-3059.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 550-1820.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Keno Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 695-0735.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
Lesbian & Gay Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. Beginners welcome! Call Claire

Siverson 285-0936 or Walter Parsley 824-6558 for location & other info.
Outdoor Activities Group: Meet for biking,hiking, camping, boating, etc. Dogs welcome! Info/details: Jo Ann 986-4507.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Women with Chronic Illnesses, disabilities, pain & hidden disabilities support group: Leaderless & egalitarian, emphasis on honesty, humor, listening. Share resources, problems, challenges, fears with others who understand. Mtg every other Wed in SF. Free. Call Leigh 285-8535.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Leaderless Support Group for Lesbians Over 40: Diverse, ongoing group welcomes new members. This is not a coming out or therapy group. Meets Mon eves, 7-9, in SF. Info: Barbara 552-9271 or Eugenia 431-6996.
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 431-8146.
Working Class Lesbian Support Group: Group uses writing as a medium for sharing. No writing experience necessary. Meets wkly. Free. Info/location: (510) 534-9928.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Eastbay Dyke Separatist Group meets for fun, discussion & to expand our separatist support network. No s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Call (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792 for info.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: Wayne (510) 427-4077.
Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Suicide: Support group for lesbians & gay men who have lost someone they loved to suicide. Info: Karen (510) 841-6553.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Society of Janus: nonprofit, non-gender or orientation specific group explores consensual non-exploitative dominance/submission, sadomasochism, bondage & discipline relationships. For info write PO Box 426794, SF 94142 or call 985-7177.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

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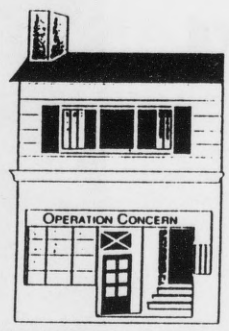
Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.



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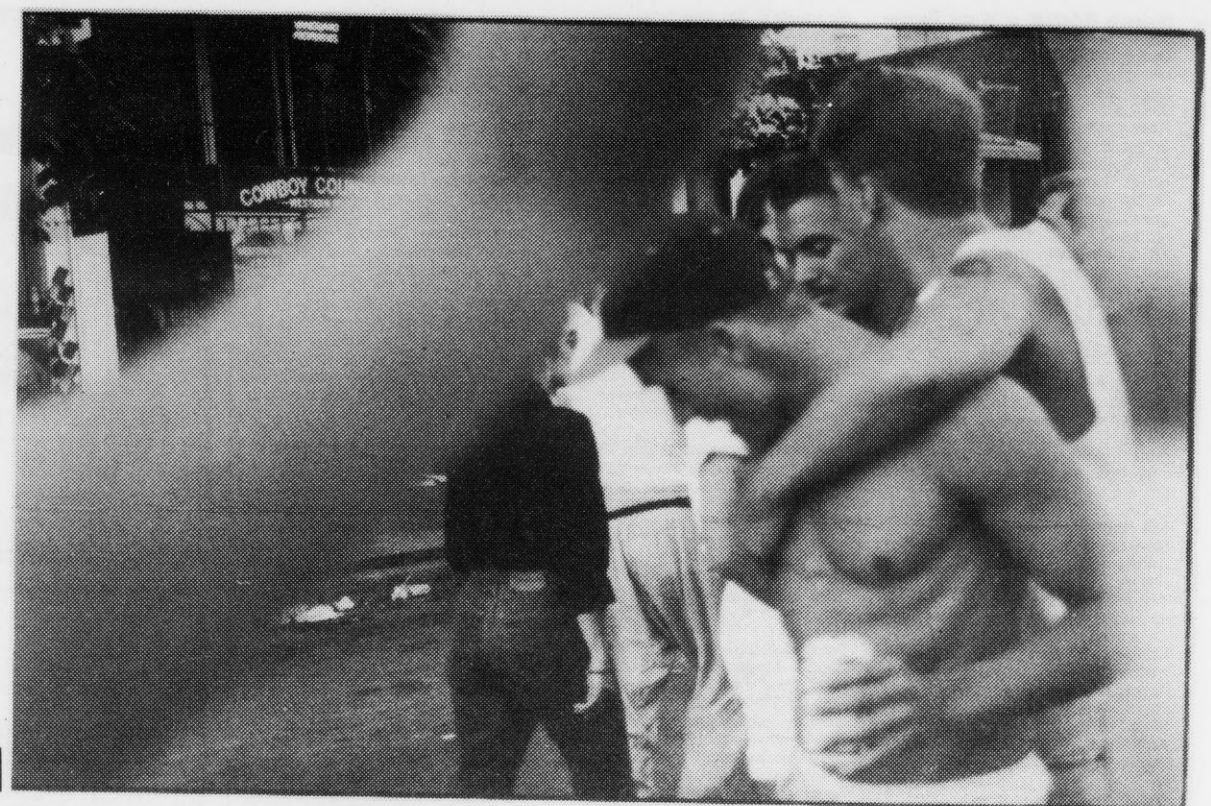
Does Your Mother Know?



Desperately trying to shield his mother from the depraved sight of "Men, touching each other...like they was a man and a woman...like they was something."
Photo by Marc Geller

My mother and my sister came down to San Francisco from the Northwest recently for a four-day visit. Both of them had been here before, but had never made it down during the past ten years of my residency in this city "crawling with hippies and weirdos and men holding hands," as it was referred to at home in White City, Ore. They came from the land of lumbermills, laid-off workers, pickup trucks with full gun racks, snowmobiles, jet skis and speed boats jamming up the carport as status symbols in the macho motorized derby of state park pioneer manhood. Here young couples spurt out babies as a testament to virility, not unlike their recreational vehicles. When she gets older, maybe daddy will share her like a powertool with his buddies. They watch "America's Most Wanted" while teaching their sons to clean their rifles. To them, a place like San Francisco is considered the ultimate place of "sex weirdos and crazies," a wild town to stay away from "because people might give you AIDS."

Granted, my mom and my sister are more civilized, well-mannered and informed than that, but they are constantly surrounded and thus affected by the majority or norm. They're numb to it.

Their visit began on Sunday evening, right after the Folsom Street Fair, a time when I would usually be baked out of my brain, wearing a rubber harness and perhaps even fucking. I booked them into a hotel on Divisadero, one safely distanced from Folsom Street and a celebration the likes of which they just wouldn't understand. I mean it—my folks may have been to Finnochio's 15 years ago and adored it but they sure as shit had never laid eyes on a leather guy with his butt cheeks visible. Worries like these were abundant.

NO NEED TO RUB IT IN

There were lots of things that might have caused my visiting family much confusion, shock, fear or pain. One good example were the many photos of male nudes, close-up hard dicks, ejaculating dicks, men penetrating men, men bound in chains, and men with sperm on their faces that adorn the walls of my room, scattered about so liberally you can barely look anywhere and not see something I really love or love to do. My friend and I dick-proofed my walls by hanging Indian print tapestry over parts and completely removing all images of homoerotica. This surprised some of my friends, for it was quite an effort to coverup my homosexuality from mom's view. Why bother? I'll tell you why. In spite of the possible accusations that I am being irresponsible to myself and the entire "out" gay community, I am officially coming out as not "out" to my family. This decision is based purely and simply upon the way my family dealt with sex in general. We didn't. Mom signed a permission slip for my junior high school health class to teach me sex education and she figured her job was done. That's fine by me. I'd just get really embarrassed. No, really embarrassed and would rather die.

So, my not having had a girlfriend since I left home 13 years ago has no doubt more than clued my mother in to the facts in an unspoken way and the news has been accepted quietly. If I had chosen to come out to my mom in a dramatic announcement, the fact would become an issue, the evil stepdad would hear and take the ball and run with it as soon as he could, torturing my mother with the fact that she had bad kids: one criminal, one mentally disturbed, one daughter in her fourth marriage and born again to boot, and now a goddamned faggot cocksucker. I can hear it now, "I could have made a man out of him but you wouldn't let me," and shit like that. My brothers would make fag jokes in front of mom, secretly pleased that at long last I was a fuck-up like them. Well, poaching deer out of season, being jailed for wife-beating, stealing stepdad's rifles and mom's wedding rings, going AWOL from boot camp, and being committed to a mental institution isn't quite the same as sodomy but will ultimately be seen as mom's fault—his doctor said so. "No, man, the reason I need help is 'cause I'm so fucked up by mom." My mom thought my brother was smoking pot all the time so I had to explain to her that Thorazine might explain his listlessness. "Oh, those pills the doctor gives him?"

She has stopped giving handouts in cash and won't post bail anymore but she will never stop having faith in her kids. That is why I took the naked pictures down for her visit. I've overheard her tell someone once that I give her the least amount of grief out of all her kids and I'd like to keep that a constant. On this visit I overheard her tell one of my friends, "He's the only one of my kids smart enough to stay single," but I bet she had a feeling that I was a little different when I showed no interest in deer hunting. And I'm pretty sure she had a handle on which of my friends was really my boyfriend.

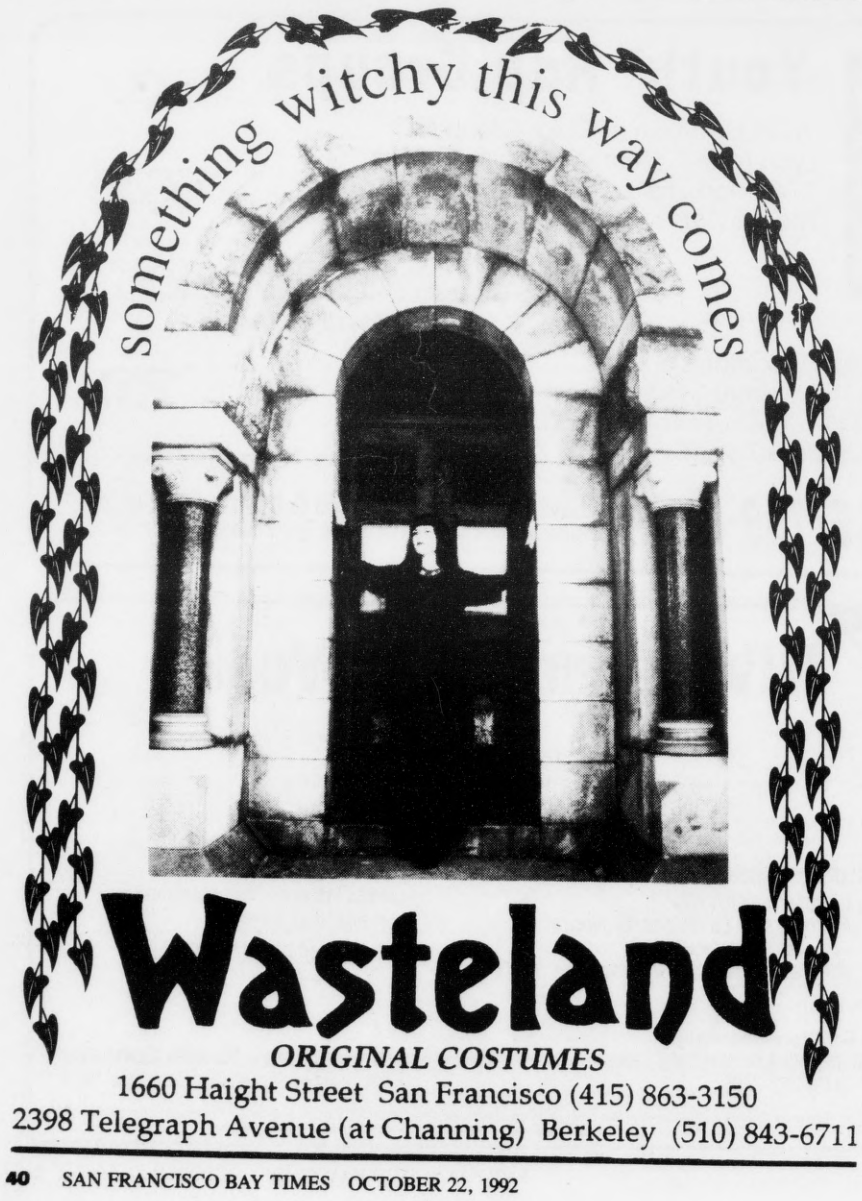
I felt very protective of her while she was here, not wanting her to have to encounter aggressive panhandlers or mod prims with chopsticks through their nose or jeering groups of urban youths talking filthy or some trendy young gay activist explaining the BofA boycott between cruising for the hottest non-boycotter about to enter the bank. In short, the very kind of person who would point a finger at me and yell, "Shame!" if they knew I wasn't "out" to my mother.

My friends who met my mom and sis were all on their best behavior. No one wore wigs, shot up or talked about big dicks, but more importantly they made it quite clear to mom that I have my own family of people now who, as she put it, "think the world of you." She felt like one of us and in no time was confiding to a female friend of mine that she was amazed by the huge number of handsome men roaming the streets of San Francisco. No one blurted out, "Like mother, like son," so I didn't have to kick anyone under the table. I did have to work at not using the word "fuck" so much, but digging my mom was never easier.

A DIFFERENT SORT OF FAMILY

Speaking of huge numbers of handsome men and warm, family feelings, the Castro Street Fair definitely delivered both on a fine hot Sunday. For Nancy Kravitz and I, this was our third year of planning entertainment for the event and the eight-hour stage roster reflected a sort of extended family of show people, many of whom had been present and donating their talents and fashion sense for the event three years ago when we first started booking, and a few new acts that sprang up and caught fire during this year, like the band Spokepoker and the crowd-pleasing Pussy Tourette, Malibu Barbie and Gravity.

Unfortunately, my back had gone out the night before and it started to really hurt me so I asked Valerie from Spokepoker if she had some aspirin. She responded with, "I have a Tylenol with codeine and a Valium number 10," and handed them to me as her friend blurted out, "I have some Dilaudid at my house about a block away if you need one." I cracked up. All I asked for was an aspirin and suddenly the world of pharmaceuticals opened its door to me. I passed on the Dilaudid because Dennis Peron gave me a pot brownie. Washing it all down with a vodka tonic, I felt suddenly grand and painless for the whole day. The biggest thrill of the event for me was meeting and getting my picture taken with Brownie Mary.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There was a wonderful burst of pro-pot energy and info provided by Mary and Dennis Peron. The following weekend I found a T-shirt at Worn Out West from the campaign for the election of Mr. Peron as supervisor, a relic that dates back to the mid-'70s yet reflects an issue that Dennis Peron has consistently devoted himself to for decades.

One of the biggest bands on our fair roster, Disposable Heroes of Hip Hoprisy, unfortunately had to cancel their appearance due to, as I understand it, more opening slots to fill in support of U2 on their U.S. tour. We suddenly jumbled the schedule, adding bass player Nancy Kravitz's band, Angel Corpus Christie. It was by far the group's best set ever. They're very funny and dark and Bongwaterish, grooving together more tightly and showing off a great new song about guns. Angel's a doll. Gravity closed the day's event with a set that I'll not forget. Randy's vocals on one song, a high-pitched pleading and pained wail matched to a make-you-move techno rhythmic track, brought me to tears at one point because I was so happy with their set—but mostly because I know Randy well enough to know the song is a reflection of the pain of loss both past and impending that we all face. He poured his soul into that song and I could tell he was near tears himself. You get to know these things about your family.

GRACE UNDER PRESSURE

The backstage area was chock-full of all the truly fun drag and rock glitterati this city seemingly blossoms with year round. I could tell I was with my extended family and friends by the sudden depletion of the complimentary alcoholic refreshments. The street fair workers assembled by Castro Street Fair kingpin Rick Slick did a marvelous job of keeping order and, as usual, treating entertainers with an underlying disdain. Pablo, the stage manager, and his crew did a fantastic job troubleshooting and rescheduling to fit all acts on the bill, when the generator broke down for almost an hour. With Pablo you can expect flawlessness. It was his 34th street fair and he's the greatest. With Rick Slick you can expect doubt, attitude and far too little affability. Perhaps I'm being sensitive to what a colossal organizational task this man is dealing with and how pleasantries often get thrown by the wayside when a job is being done, but the man acts really nasty to most people he encounters. Maybe he was missing his family or something.

Emcees Justin Bond and Elvis Herselvis were consummate show people and they busted ass all day keeping the crowd informed, in awe and in stitches. Like Rick, their duties were many and consuming and stringently timed. It's a wonder they could muster up all the charm and sincerity they exuded both onstage and backstage throughout the day. Mr. Slick didn't even thank them and acted put out about writing their checks for a day's work in the hot sun. Oh well. I had fun.

THE SICK & TWISTED PLAYERS PRESENT HALLOWEEN AND HALLOWEEN II

With over a dozen productions under their collective belt, the S&T Players have emerged from their usual venue, Klubstitute, where one-night-only productions have captivated many a too-full house. Now the group is easing into a three (count 'em) night run at the Bernice Street Theater on Oct. 22-24. This run also marks the group's first-ever double feature, re-enacting the modern horror classic and Jamie Lee Curtis career-creator, *Halloween,* followed by the Dino de Laurentis-produced sequel, *Halloween II.* Seasoned cast members include the fabulous Miss X, Alison Farmer, Deena Davenport, Q-pid and Michael G. Page, the greatest actor on the face of the earth. Fresh, new additions to the S&T crew are proving to be pert, sassy, even sexy, not to mention able to afford new wigs for certain parts. My role demands that I shave my head. The double feature promises lots of blood, certain death to all characters who have sex, and cheap pyrotechnics. Don't miss it, a great deal for $6. See Miss X get killed... twice! Think coat hangers, knitting needles, butcher knives and slugs of lead and remember, Jamie Lee was born a hermaphrodite, or so says Jade Semi-Precious. Don't miss it. Showtime is 8 pm and for tickets phone 863-5946.

(L-r) Marcella Detroit and Siobhan Fahey of Shakespear's Sister: A sarcastic sense of humor at work. Photo by Jean Baptiste Mondino

Trick or Treat

MARY—CHAPIN CARPENTER
Slim's, Oct. 8

Imagine a tightly packed club of concert-goers on a hot night, steeped in anticipation at seeing an up-and-coming, award-winning performer. Now imagine the power goes out halfway through the set. A recipe for disaster, right? Well, what could have been a riot turned into a special occasion—Mary-Chapin Carpenter unplugged, if you will.

Carpenter and her band were chugging through a solid, if unremarkable set when it happened. Drawing on four albums' worth of material, Carpenter worked through her "most recent ex-boyfriend trilogy" of old songs before touching on "Rhythm of the Blues," from this year's *Come On Come On*. As the band headed into Carpenter's biggest hit, last year's "Down at the Twist and Shout," the power cut out: no lights, no sound. It was back to the basics for Carpenter, who started out playing in D.C. bars for tips years ago.

Working under hand-held flashlights, Carpenter and guitarist John Jennings picked up acoustic guitars and plunged into the zydeco-flavored song, abetted by the keyboardist's accordion. It was the start of a whole different kind of musical aesthetic: understatement rather than bombast, delicate strumming rather than muscular wailing.

Carpenter, Jennings and the rest hopped up onto the bar and gamely played through an hour's worth of material, much of it not on the planned set list. What could have been disastrous instead became an event to remember, not the least because of Carpenter's good humor and determination to fill in the gaps. Introducing "Quittin' Time," she dedicated it to "Ross and George." With the crowd singing along, the words "You pretend and I pretend that everything is fine...It's so hard when it's quittin' time" became a cathartic political statement. It just wouldn't have worked with a thrash band.

Though the sound was anemic, even in the confines of Slim's, the show had its own pleasures. It was obvious Carpenter was really working, as she sweated profusely and tied back her hair as if to say, "I mean business." Though we had to strain to hear, Carpenter offered a running commentary on her choice of songs and some appreciation of the moment. "The Moon and St. Christopher," she said, was her way of coming to grips with herself. "I Feel Lucky" came across as a campfire sing-along complete with a beer bottle slide solo. She also took requests, obliging a group of shrieking fans with "This Shirt."

Finally, after about an hour, the lights came back on, setting off a mad dash back to the stage. The performers trooped up to much applause, and Carpenter enthused, "This is what memories are made of." Then the band launched into the Searchers' "Hearts in Our Eyes," which seemed unbearably loud after the preceding songs. After a handful of songs, she finished up with a full-band reprise of "I Feel Lucky," improvising, "No electric company problems gonna stand in my way. I feel lucky today."

AHDRI ZHINA MANDIELA
Brava! Studio, Oct. 11

Jamaican-born lesbian dub poet Ahdri Zhina Mandiela was in town for two weekends, performing *Dark Diaspora...in Dub* as part of the Solo Mio Festival. Running under an hour, she adapted the performance from a longer ensemble piece done in Toronto, where she lives. Mandiela's voice was the voice of numerous Black women, telling tales of sugar cane fields, apartheid and city buses. Utilizing a simple set and some efficient lighting techniques, she moved from voice to voice, reciting in dub style.

Dub is almost impossible to capture in print, since it takes its power not just from *what* is said, but *how* it is said. Repeating words, drawn out syllables, inflection—all are part of dub poetry, which is similar to rap. Some of the piece was conveyed in narrative and some wasn't. Some of the words rhymed, and many did not. As she made clear in the final section, "African by Instinct," Mandiela was out to draw together the dark diaspora of Black women. "Never seen the motherland. Still African by instinct," she declared.

AUTUMN ROUNDUP

With all the big new releases, it's tempting to jump in and start critiquing them, but I also have a huge backlog of material that continues to hang around, making me feel guilty that I haven't reviewed it. Here are some of the major label releases currently out there, including some faces you may have seen in town recently. Next time, new stuff.

Shakespear's Sister
***Hormonally Yours* (Polygram)**

Siobhan Fahey (ex-Bananarama) and Marcella Detroit are the Anglo-American duo behind the moniker, and on this, their second record, they raid the pop archives for all the best stuff. The melodies may sound familiar, but what lifts this album above average is the lyrics. There are several interesting things going on in these songs. One can detect a cat theme running through several of them. There is also an obvious sense of humor at work, one rife with sarcasm. Fahey had a hand in all the songs, while Detroit co-wrote most of them.

Detroit gives voice to this material with an extraordinary range. Hers is the high, soaring vocal often used to counterpoint Fahey's growl. This is most obvious on the current single, "Stay," which is one long desperate plea from a woman to... a woman. How 'bout that? Fahey explained in a radio interview that the relationship depicted is "not necessarily a sexual relationship."

B-52's
***Good Stuff* (Reprise)**

Cindy Wilson stayed home for this one, leaving three B-52's. Campy vocals, double entendres, good causes. You want 'em, you got 'em. "Revolution Earth" and "Vision of a Kiss" are both tasty, and really the whole thing is good, but not great. More of the same from them.

Deee-Lite
***Infinity Within* (Elektra)**

Deee-Lite is also in a holding pattern. After 1990's explosive *World Clique*, the band is hard-pressed to top it. They produced *Infinity Within* and packaged it in an Eco-pak, a cardboard/plastic contraption that looks like a longbox unassembled but folds into a standard-size jewel box. As the band proclaims, "Let's face it. It's a pro-choice album." All admirable sentiments, but they're beginning to repeat themselves. One hears echoes of "Groove Is in the Heart" in various places. "Two Clouds Above Nine" stands out, with a guest rap by Jamal-ski. If nothing else, it's all danceable, but for more substance, the pickin's are slim.

ENDNOTES...

Penelope Houston and band will play at her single-release party for "Glad I'm a Girl" on Oct. 29 at the Great American Music Hall. Redwood celebrates 20 years with Holly Near and friends in concert on Oct. 30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland.

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The Miracle at the Men's Magazine Rack

by Kris Kovick

Once upon a daydream—after work and before a meeting—I was in Crown Books on Castro Street grazing in the magazines. Even though the mag rack is near the door, it is so male and so cruisy nobody ever notices me, a dirty old dyke. I really should be reading *On Our Backs*, but (I'm ashamed to admit) it doesn't turn me on. It's not their fault. The staff at *OOB* is trying to make nasty, and they are truly nasty people. Debi Sundahl, publisher of *OOB* and mother of female ejaculation, is not merely a cunt, she's also a faucet. I think just because it's a magazine made for women like me—the female pervert—it doesn't feel like trespassing, an essential part of pornography. They don't even call it porn; it's erotica. What's that? Emma Goldman in her underpants? Anyway, I know what I like, and I don't like to pay for it, nor do I want to be disturbed while enjoying it. Thus, the men's rack.

The guys in the mags are either tall or short. They seem made for each other. Leather abounds. It's a literary slaughterhouse. You see caps and keys and expensive leather accessories. Briefcases are the lingerie of financial district accountants and attorneys. There are rules for the covers, because some people are actually paying customers. The rules are "Lips above the hips," and "On me, not in me," i.e., no blowjobs, no penetration. It's basically *GQ* meets Osento. But it's so hot and so homosexual, that you can stand close to some dude reading *Hunk* or *Spunk* and pick up a buzz. It's like wind-tailing an 18-wheeler out on the freeway. Inhibitingly close to the door are the big three of men's skin slicks: *Honcho, Macho* and *Torso,* the Marx Brothers of cum.

My politics keep me from buying *Playboy,* and I don't have the courage to steal. But I wanted to see the Sandra Bernhard spread where she's nudely guilded. That girl! She's got a mouth, and I wanted to see if that corresponded with her labial lips—an ongoing research project. The photos were great! They looked like Phyllis Christopher with a budget. It's Sappho's own darkroom. Sandra is a top at a play party. This doesn't look like Michigan anymore. Mistress B looks like the kind of girl who can only come with a knife at her throat. She's not really my type, but she's a bra-burner, all right, I realized, secretly crunching down on my own nipple and twisting it like a knob on a radio. If she won't speak to Val Phoenix, I thought, flipping the page, she won't speak to me. She thinks she's why they invented panty liners, and I ruminated about what a faucet she is.

I fondled my way through the rest of *Playboy.* It was like walking through a fabulous party, where everybody says "Hi." As I went through the crowded pages, recto-verso, I scanned a pictorial essay, the likes of which I've never seen before. It was a pornographic biography—not a hyped tennis star dipped in betadyne, not some showgirl/plaything, and not the typical bubbly *Playboy* body. She had the erotic midriff of a snakecharmer, psychokiller blue eyes, eyelashes like shoe brushes and a blond lay-down Mohawk. The text read, "Sharon loves traveling, but her biggest fear was getting stranded." The accompanying shot was the photographic equivalent of Aretha Franklin's "Rescue Me"—pouty Sharon is beside a broken-down Dodge Duster with a simulated rattlesnake skin roof. She's what men call a "plus and play" situation. The shot looks like the outskirts of Fresno. "So," the magazine copy continued, "she decided to become a mechanic." The next photo shows her in tight black Levis, a T-shirt, big black boots and her Mohawk under the hood. She looked good! "She dropped the 'Shar' part of her name and kept the 'Ron,' " the story continued. What's the subtext here? I wondered. How do straight men deconstruct this? The pull-quote on the next page said, "She worked her way through trade school dancing in the peeps." The entire page was dedicated to her full body, beginning with pointy black lace-up high-heeled boots going way up her thighs, like those big fishing boots in a river of sperm. She had on a leather thong that couldn't conceal a tampon string. She was gently tugging on her own hard nipple, and so was I. Her eyes were glowing like the Oakland Hills. Here was an angel who wore her halo in her panties. Table dancing or engine pulling, she was alluring. This exquisite belly dancing automotive engineer went from butch to femme in a double-page spread.

I've looked at a lot of porn, dating back to the back seat of the 1957 family Buick. My dad had a machine shop, and an old welder named Mackie worked for him. Mackie looked like a filthy spare part. His laugh sounded like someone vomiting down a metal sink. He built a cage for his tools, a little wire cell within the prison of the shop. In this steel jail cell he kept a picture of a nude woman over his tools, a madonna of the wrenches and ratchets. No matter how securely he stapled her up, I could coax her down with a stick or a pole, and then slowly scrape the lactatious image along the grimy cement floor, and under the iron door. Then I'd scurry into one of the cars parked in the yard, like a hamster with its pellet. All I wanted that girl for was pleasure—hers. I wanted to be such a tender lover that she would prefer me to all the Mackies out there, and I'd thereby liberate all the sex workers of the world and bring them home with me. Just then my Uncle Beebo walked by and saw me back there, nesting. "Where'd you get that?" he bellowed. "You're too young for that!" And then the thought occurred to him that I might never be tall enough for this ride, and he snatched it away. "Gimme that!"

That night at dinner my father turned to me and said, "Well, I understand you now have a private life." For me that was a clear signal to continue to be private.

When feminists started saying, "The personal is political," I thought "uh-oh". I continued to enjoy stolen porn, but I never felt like I did at this magazine rack over a mere image. How many times have you said, "I never felt like this before" in the same predictable circumstances? But I hadn't.

What started as a genital itch became firefly feelings in my fly, like Tinkerbell was attempting to land on my clit. I started having a rare metaphysical moment: Sharon began to transsubstantiate right off the page. She came alive very slowly, rising gradually like a blow-up doll, midblow. The femme babe was twinkling into existence, and nobody seemed to notice. Hey! Make Lesbian Invisibility Work for You! Her hair hung heavy in golden threads. Her shoulders were simply bronze soloflex.

Have you ever had a dream where you can't scream? I couldn't talk. My heart was in my throat. It felt like I had a rubber ball taped into my mouth.

She moved her lips out of synch with the words "What do you want? What do you want?" It echoed through my medulla oblongata, eating its way through the gray corridors of my brain. "What do you want?" Her eyes were a string of sunsets on the rattling chain of the wind. "What do you want?"

What do I want? I only want to satisfy her every desire, no matter how mundane or wretched. But I can't say this, or anything else because of the almost ontological gag.

I want her but only in a way that would build her up higher and higher as the queen of the clitoris. Not as an object, but as the subject of my sexual interest. I want to be her girl teaser, tongue dancer, labial pleaser, psychosexual flirt and clitoral firewalker. In other words, her butch bottom. I want to be her gerbil, and she my wheel.

Maybe it's just as well I couldn't talk, for surely she would have said, "Shut up." We let our lips and tongues do all the talking, and just left the words unsaid. Kissing her was like skinny-dipping in a vat of XTC, and the more we kissed the more she sublimely rose, almost like a cosmological jack-in-the-box. Pure girl erection. The mag was open in my hands like a serving tray, and this incredible woman was blinking into existence up to her waist.

FLOP THE BUTCH!

She looked so yummy. Her nipples were sunspots on her warm, round breasts. As I bent down to kiss them, her torso gave way to her rocking mildbone hips.. Her pubic hair was a soft triangle of blond, the mythical golden fleece. She began to laugh as I was munching my way down. Aphrodite renewed her virginity with laughter, I remembered, and by the time I was gargling her clit, she was openly guffawing.

"What's so funny?" I asked through the furball of her shimmering mirage.

"You look like a blond Groucho," she giggled.

"It's my glasses." Without them, life's a blur. I casually threw them off somewhere, and continued my descent until I reached the cold linoleum floor of Crown Books. It's all cordovans and hush puppies. I came face-to-face with her stormtrooper boots, and I looked up. She had telescoped like a bad snapshot of a redwood tree. From the waist up she was a fabulous femme babe, but from the waist down she was totally butched-out, with legs like Florence Joyner Griffith, and a big purple dildo going boingata-boingata-boing.

"What do you want?" she kept asking, and I fell back in sheer terror. Her hand dove down my foamy Levis and burrowed like a nocturnal animal. She was so gentle at first, and then she began pumping me like a piston, and I was the engine pulling the train. She seemed as amazed as I was when she slipped inside me past her knuckles. I rode her wrist like a Harley, holding on for dear life, riding bitch, naked.

Don't forget I'm butch, stone butch, technically a virgin. I'm also a bottom. I see my role in sexuality as the silent butler. I am the lover, not the beloved. I don't get penetrated, but I have pneumatic fingers. It's pre-political. I'm the one who takes out the trash. Sure, it's roles, but it feels like my genes and hormones are high-fivin' and I'm happy. But, I never felt like *this* before. She was de-virginizing me so tenderly and so totally. She was a veg-o-matic, and I was her cucumber, and she was laying slices of me end to end all down the aisles of Crown Books.

Now my clit is about as complicated as one of those old-fashioned desk bells, the kind that says "ring bell for service," spring-loaded and always ready. She started banging on that like a kid in a library, and twisting my tit as though it were a knob on an amp. I bled into her heart, dove into her eyes, and swam nude in her soul.

"What can I say? I flop for tops, femme tops. It's more to be pitied," I said to the assistant store manager, escorting me down Castro Street.

cabaret

GENE PRICE

Juiced With Mika

What is there to say about Neil Gudsell, aka Mika, the Maori gay performer from New Zealand? A sprinkling of facts from his press release is impressive indeed: an award-winning aerobics competitor; the darling of Australia's Fringe Festival; the recipient of New Zealand's Arts Festival AIDS Media Award; a 1992 Winston Churchill Scholarship that allows him to travel and perform. He is (and I quote), "One of New Zealand's only open-gay Maori performers."

"I don't think of myself as being a political person," he says. "I don't want to tell people what to think. I just want to make them aware of what is going on."

But what is going on in Mika's current show at Josie's may have less meaning than meets the eye. It's an all-singing, all-aerobic dancing, chit-chat show without much structure or substance. Knowing nothing of Maori history or customs, or even of contemporary life in New Zealand, I had anticipated a smattering of edification with the entertainment. It was not to be.

Kicking, twisting, spinning, giving the impression that he was an entire Folies Bergere chorus, Mika burst on stage in a white "Marilyn" wig, an outlandish costume that was chartreuse and orange in front, black net in back, and promised a night of "bad taste and gross innuendo."

He began "Step Inside Love" in a warm, sweet voice but, seemingly unable to control his energized body, he launched into an aerobic disco routine, arms and legs flying in numerous directions. Later, in a black satin outfit with a harness of hardware, he introduced a Polynesian segment by leading the audience through a chorus of "Pearly Shells." Taking a breather for chit-chat, he described the contestants in a Samoan drag queen contest, one of whom, representing water sports, pissed all over her competition. Mika ruefully admitted that obscene phone callers tend to hang up on him.

Another costume change, topped with a headdress of black *coq* feathers, led into his hit MTV disco song, "I Have Loved Me a Man." For his closing number, Mika whipped himself into a disco froth with "Spoof" (the "down under" word for cum). This, too, was an audience participation number. Two women in the front row laughed hysterically as they joined in the refrain, "Wanna good deal? Wanna get real? Spoof all over me."

Mika is handsome, charming, ingratiating. What he needs at this stage of his career is a writer and a director to construct a show that will free the performance artist inside that "go-go" boy persona.

Mika appears next on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 8 pm, at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint. Call 861-7933.

Basically Bobrow

Morris Bobrow is currently scattering his pearls of musical wit and wisdom upon Marin County audiences at Joe LoCoco's in Greenbrae. As a composer/lyricist he has written several musical revues, including *With Relish* (for and about people who eat) and *Party of One* (for and about single folk), which is now in its seventh year in San Francisco.

An attorney by day, Bobrow is a frequent performer for state and local bar associations. He's written special musical comedy shows for Levi Strauss, Apple Computer, IBM, PG&E and First Interstate Bank. He's won two Critics Circle Awards, two Drama-Logue Awards, and a Cabaret Gold Award. Each year he writes and directs a show as a fundraiser for Legal Assistance for the Elderly in San Francisco.

In his current show, *Basically Bobrow,* this keyboard raconteur satirizes practically every aspect of contemporary life in two dozen songs that are mostly his, with a few ringers by Tom Lehrer and Allen Sherman. "A Cabaret Tradition" talks of the two-drink minimum; "Organick" presents a songfest of those foods (tripe, tongue, sweetbreads) you probably wouldn't eat if you knew where they came from; and "Not Like It Used to Be" reveals the plight of a man over 50 whose lawyer, rabbi and psychiatrist are all younger than he.

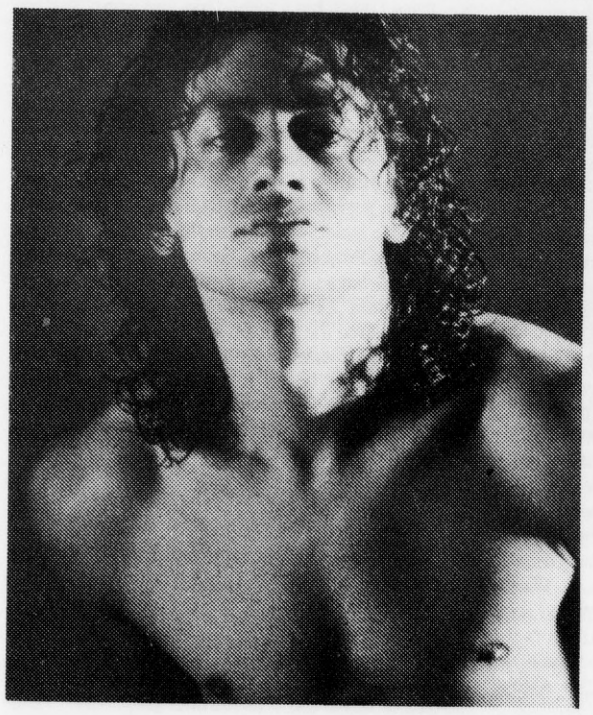
"Urban Hero" is a paean to the brave but loony rider of the Muni. "My Big Break" takes us into the hopeful heart of the pianist at Nordstrom's; "Let's Take a Stroll" looks at casual street violence.

Tom Lehrer's "National Brotherhood Week" reminds us "to be kind to someone inferior to you... and be thankful it doesn't last all year."

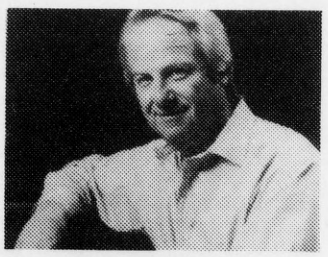
Snatches of Bobrow's cities segment include, "I'm Redwood City Bound," "The Last Time I Saw Brisbane," Arrivederci Colma" and "I Love Greenbrae." In "Good Injuries," he sings that "a wrongful death can make me passionate, cause I can cash in on it."

Bobrow's funny, incisive lyrics prick the pompous while exposing his own plea for a more tolerant, compassionate society.

Basically Bobrow plays Fridays through Sundays through Nov. 1, at LoCoco's, Drake's Landing, Greenbrae. Dinner from 6:30, show at 8:30. Call 925-0808.



Neil Gudsell, aka Mika, appears in "Juiced" at Josie's Cabaret on Oct. 27.



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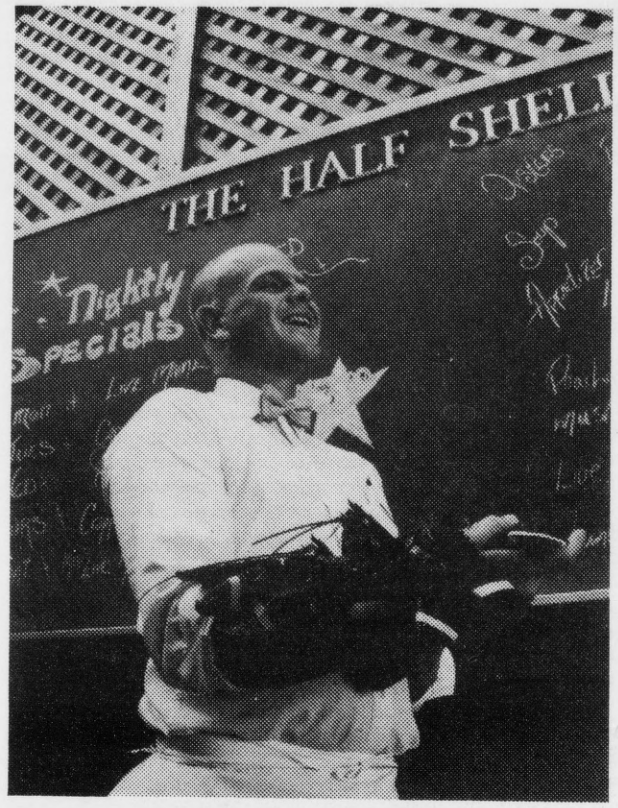
BY BILL FINKLE

A Decade of Delight at Soma Seafood Restaurant

Sometimes you like a place for different reasons. The food's amazing, or the wait-staff is charming, or the decor can't be beat. Sometimes it's a mystery—when none of the elements is particularly great, still somehow something works.

The Half Shell lies somewhere between the two. Yes, I like the food. CCA grad Ron Devine leads us through dependable, at times inspired, versions of seafood dishes, employing the freshest fish, shellfish and produce. And the atmosphere, a cross between a wooded mountain lodge and a terraced breakfast club, truly invites one to stay and relax. A wall of glass windows lets the tables in the entryway/patio look onto the long, open-beamed dining room, with lazy ceiling fans. Low-key jazz reverberates off paneled walls and a unique, Spanish-tiled floor. Original paintings on consignment from the No Name Gallery catch the eye, as do touches of dark green and turquoise paint, and fuschia, which grows on a lattice outside. Service, too, feels warm, efficient and knowledgeable.



Craig Brock, manager of The Half Shell, presents the fresh lobster worth calling ahead to reserve. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

But even though no one of these categories wins raves, the whole adds up to more than the sum of its parts. Perhaps because the Half Shell, open for the past ten years, combines extras that continue to impress, like the $13 nightly specials, including live Maine lobster (must be reserved in advance), cioppino and paella. Elements like a wooded bathroom, an attractive, green-lamped bar, and a comprehensive, smart wine list contribute to the professionalism and comfort. An excellent wine, the 1990 Carneros Creek Chardonnay, is a typical offering at $22 a bottle. Another suggestion, perhaps with salmon or cioppino, is the beautiful, rounded 1989 Newton Merlot.

A creamy cup of **Pumpkin Orange Soup** ($2.75) took the chill off and prepared me for tasting spicier, crunchier items. **Spinach Salad** ($5.25), on special, was a delicate, if slightly oily takeoff on an Eastern theme, with Mandarin orange sections, snow peas, water chestnuts and sesame seeds. The Half Shell's **Caesar Salad** ($5.25) consisted of whole inner Romaine leaves tossed in a spicy but too-tart dressing, generously covered with grated Asiago cheese. Two unfortunately canned-tasting, salty anchovies rode shotgun next to plenty of well-seasoned, crisp croutons. Now, here's an appetizer: two kinds of **Oysters** ($6.95)—Bay St. Anne and Hog Island—served on the half shell, with the simplest sauce of white wine and minced shallots. Fresh? These six oysters melted in the mouth, tasted just barely of the sea and looked great on a bed of rock salt.

Seafood here successfully combines freshness with flavor in standard preparations. **Catfish** ($10.95) is rolled in a spicy, rosemary-laced flour and blackened. The sweet flesh, with a dollop of melting red pepper butter, comes alive, accompanied by a hash of blackeyed peas and ham, with a mound of tender steamed spinach and carrots and a slab of moist, kernel-spiked cornbread. **Prawns and Scallops Pernod** ($12.95) paired fresh seafood—huge, buttery scallops—with an anise-flavored butter sauce speckled with chives. Alongside came some roasted new potatoes in parsley and flawless buttered baby beets and sugar snap peas. Moist and creamy **Fettucine with Seafood** ($12.95), though tomato-less, contrary to the menu description, still tasted superior. Plenty of huge, plump mussels, bay shrimp, oversized scallops and a shelled lobster claw graced a plate of fresh, just underdone pasta. A **Warm Lobster Salad** ($9.95) cleverly combined mixed baby greens with a vinaigrette made from the steaming liquid of the seafood, in this case three succulent lobster claws, mussels and a lone scallop. Belgian endive added texture and visual appeal, an important ingredient in the cuisine here. Every dish is prepared with a great sensitivity to the eyes as well as the palate. We all quieted down when the entrees arrived, a statement on, first, the stunning presentations and, second, the intriguing tastes.

Some excellent coffee ended our moderately priced meal, but a second trip will surely lead me to the dessert tray, which included pumpkin pie and some gorgeous cheesecake.

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AROUND TOWN

The critic's tongue and palate give way to the heart, and a taste of food prepared by **Project Open Hand** might not exceed gastronomic standards, yet somehow the food reaches and warms a place inside, immune from critique. Ditto for L.A.'s Project Angel Food. When a friend fell ill and began receiving meals and groceries, I thought it'd be a gas to review the food. But as I answered the door on several occasions, to be handed a hot dinner by a smiling, compassionate volunteer, I began to realize that Open Hand stands above judgment. This food nourishes, calms and serves many folks who might otherwise go hungry. Bravo.

If you should ever find yourself on that stretch of Highway 5 known to L.A. residents as the Grapevine treat yourself to a slice of boysenberry pie at the **Farmer's Table Restaurant**, on the north side of the incline. Here you'll find cheery rest from the road and truly delicious pie, not too sweet, with a homemade crust good as grandma's. A little oasis to enjoy after the heart-wrenching sea of cows 150 miles further on.

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BY CHING CHANG

Brazilian Singer Milton Nascimento at Zellerbach Hall

Milton Nascimento: Using his music to transcend all barriers.

One of the most important artists to come out of Brazil, singer/songwriter Milton Nascimento uses his music to transcend all barriers, and uncover the universality of humanity. Either in the expressive ring of his middle range or the unparalleled sweetness of his falsetto, his voice resoundingly communicates the important message of his songs. Whether he's voicing concerns about the rainforests, love, oppression or the struggle of political underclasses, Nascimento's clean, pure diction brings out the beauty and expression of his native Brazilian Portuguese.

His songs won him international acclaim in the '80s. In the United States he has collaborated with the likes of Quincy Jones, Wayne Shorter, Sarah Vaughan, Herbie Hancock, Paul Simon and others. As a true advocate of the timeless and timely global viewpoint, his music transcends all styles. I have noticed that record stores never seem to know in what section his CDs belong.

Nascimento's songs are sometimes charged with an unmatched drive and passion, and at other times with peace and serenity. During the period of heavy censorship imposed by Brazil's military dictatorship, his lyrics were repeatedly banned, and yet he transformed songs into wordless chants, which through their sheer beauty were instrumental in nurturing a cohesiveness among the peoples of Brazil, a most diverse country. His inventive use of "folkloric leitmotifs" and wicked percussion ostinatos rallied people across all classes and ethnicities to the message of compassion contained in his art.

His exuberant, sensual feminist hymn, "Maria, Maria"—which he sang as an encore at Zellerbach Hall—brings out the multi-dimensionality and heroism of the most oppressed and voiceless women in Brazil. The song honors women called Maria, a common name among the poor and uneducated women of northeast Brazil, who are often forced by poverty to leave their families and travel to cities such as Rio and Sao Paulo to become housemaids, servants or even prostitutes. "Maria, Maria" celebrates their magical strength, hope, and joy in the face of pain and misery. The song's driving, energetic closing refrain celebrates a "Maria's" right to "live and love as any other women in the planet," while reminding all that "Maria" is a woman who possesses "a strange habit of having faith in life."

Nascimento donated the proceeds of his latest CD, *Txai*, to the cause of the indigenous peoples of Brazil, singing songs adapted from the themes of the Kaxinawa Indian tribe of Brazil's Acre state. He is a member of the Alliance of the Peoples of the Rainforest, a coalition made up of the actual inhabitants of the Amazon rainforest, who, until very recently, had no influence whatsoever and very little say over international policy-making on and about their lands.

If you have never heard him before, I'd advise you to get acquainted with him by listening to some of his many CDs before trying to catch him at his next Bay Area appearance, especially if you don't know Portuguese. In fact, musically, I tend to prefer listening to Nascimento in recordings, only because the vocals are better balanced. At Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall, the amplified blasting at times unfortunately detracted from some of his lyricism and expressiveness.

You can find Nascimento's CDs scattered variously in sections labelled Latin, International, Jazz, Ethnic, Pop and even Classical, which, not surprisingly, reflect the range of his early exposures to music while growing up with his adoptive family in the Minas Gerais state of Brazil.

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Bruce (Craig Schow) and Bob (Jerry L. Walker, master of the slow burn) are lovers. Bruce is bisexual, was married briefly and, feeling somewhat unfulfilled (he'd like a child), writes a want-to-meet ad with the help of his psychiatrist. His shrink, the bodaciously befuddled Pamela Murphy, is totally unaware that he has a male lover. Prudence (Lisa Joffroy), who has been bedded by her pompous, priapic and prematurely ejaculating psychiatrist (Jim Webber), answers the ad. Bruce and Prudence meet in a restaurant where the waiter (David McNees) pointedly ignores them. The meeting is a disaster and both flee back to their respective and certifiably mad psychiatrists.

Bruce now writes a different ad describing himself as over six feet tall and a Pulitzer Prize winner. Prudence answers the ad. Meeting at the same restaurant, they agree to have dinner at Bruce's apartment. Bob, who has promised to go to his mother's for the evening, now refuses to budge and lathers Prudence with his bitch wit. Even Bob's harridan of a mother, an offstage persona via telephone, gets into the act. And everyone does what normal people in therapy would do—they call their psychiatrists.

All five meet in the same restaurant where they are again ignored by the waiter—that is until the waiter begins to cruise Bob. But more I cannot tell you.

Director Sid Cato has honed his attractive, talented cast to a fine polish. Chuck Murphy's clever and bright set magically transforms itself—with a snap of the waiter's fingers—from one scene to the next.

No message here, just a helluva good time.

Beyond Therapy plays Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 pm at the New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. Call 861-8972.

In God's Hands

Douglas J. Cohen, who wrote the music, lyrics and book for the world premiere of *In God's Hands* at TheatreWorks, has come up with a problematic work that tends to straddle a line between musical comedy and more serious musical theater in a production that favors recitatives and operatically styled solos and duets. It is a memory play (we assume semi-autobiographical), but as such it is disconcertingly ill-focused. Ostensibly its the story of Ben, a piano prodigy we follow from birth to Juilliard. Ben's faith in his rabbi father is such that he believes his father has a direct line to God and can reverse the ravages of his beloved grandmother's stroke. Ben's faith falters and crumbles entirely when his father is dismissed by his congregation. He walks out on his Juilliard exams. One questions whether Ben's loss-of-faith conflict is sufficient to support a musical. On the other hand, Ben's problem is sidetracked at every turn by his grandmother's relationship with his father (a flashback), his mother's attempt to pacify her husband's restive congregation, his sister's very legitimate problem of growing up in a household where Ben gets all the attention, and his father's final realization that his reform views (he has lost congregations in Walnut Creek and Illinois) have cast him adrift from his flock.

Best of both worlds? Gay man and straight woman compete for bisexual in "Beyond Therapy."

The music is serviceable, though not memorable, and more impressive in ensemble numbers. Melodies are not the composer's strong suit except for three gratuitous comedy numbers, "The 'M' Word," "Crumbs" (a flash forward to a piano lounge) and a rather pretty mother-daughter duet, "Bloomin' Time."

For a musical *about* a young boy, the young boy (Mark Phillips) had too little chance to express himself in solo. Most of his musical numbers were in duet or with the chorus.

Director Barbara Valente did her usual fine job of adding movement and creating drama (even in static situations) on Joe Ragey's simple but effective set of modular blocks and projection screen.

Mark Phillips was delightful as Ben, from toddler to teenage prodigy. He can act, he can sing, he has presence, and he can make one care. Too bad the out-of-focus libretto didn't take advantage of his potential. Stephen S. Gill and Miriam Babin were fine in their dramatic moments as the rabbi and his domineering mother, though both were a bit tentative vocally. Diana Torres Koss was warm and loving as wife and mother, and Rebecca Fink brought considerable compassion to the underwritten role of the sister.

In God's Hands plays Thursdays through Saturdays through Oct. 31 at TheatreWorks' Cubberly State II, Palo Alto. Call 329-2623.

Theater Notes

THE GRAPES OF WRATH

James Dunn has mounted an ambitious production of Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* at the College of Marin. Calling for 43 characters (many of them double cast), this is the Steppenwolf Theatre version, adapted by Frank Galati, that won a Tony Award.

Starkly but dramatically designed, lighted and costumed by Eric Landisman, Barbara Du Bois and Patricia Polen, respectively, and featuring a revolving stage that becomes a highway for the Model T, a bar and a fruit pickers' camp, the production is not a total success.

One's mind still retains the graphic images of John Ford's classic 1940 movie, and though Bill Bragg delivers a sensitive, bursting-with-frustration characterization as Tom Joad, and Charselle Hooper is impressive as the indomitable Ma, other performances waylay this 1938 odyssey from Oklahoma to California. Erika Gulick Smith and John Seielstad play Grandma and Grandpa for burlesque schtick and Nikita Wors as Rose of Sharon is either spacey or hysterical and fails to deliver the poignancy that will set up the dramatic impact of the final scene.

Robert Beifuss, Sharon Boucler (on vocals), Phil Richardson and Greg Snyder provided excellent musical accompaniment throughout.

The college is to be commended for having a go at a relevant drama that so bitterly reflects our current state of unemployment and homelessness. Good try.

The Grapes of Wrath continues at the Fine Arts Theatre, Kentfield, through Oct. 25. Call 485-9385.

ME AND MY GIRL

The Peninsula Civic Light Opera closed its 1992 season with a revival of depression-era England's song and dance hit, *Me and My Girl*. This is my third viewing in recent years and there's not much new to say about cockney Bill Snibson's inheriting a title and country house and his girlfriend Sally's resolution to give him up for his own good.

What one *can* say is that it was a delightful, frothy production starring that dancing/singing, husband-and-wife team of Michael Farbstein and Candy Cotton. Two of the brightest musical comedy performers on the local scene, they are a joy to watch. Nice songs, too, including "Me and My Girl," "Once You Lose Your Heart" and the dance-along "Lambeth Walk." Scott Williams directed; Berle Davis led his dancers through his customary fancy footwork; and Gregory Van Sudmeier's baton led the orchestra through a bouncy score.

CEREMONIES OF PRAYER

Chicago playwright Evan Blake has directed the world premiere of his play for the San Francisco Performers Theatre. Taking the volatile relationship of Vincent Van Gogh and his brother Theo for dramatic inspiration, Blake has cast his two contemporary protagonists William (Ken Steinmetz) and Theodore (Robert Levitt) as the unstable artist and his financially supportive brother. Cristina (Pina Sbrocca), a former prostitute who periodically threatens to return to her earlier trade, is William's pregnant wife, Sien. Joanne (Barbara Jaspersen) is Theodore's wife, an ineffectual beacon of sanity against a trio of quarrelsome, self-centered egos.

As emotionally unstable as her artist husband, Sien flies into a rage when the inebriated and exuberant William arrives late for dinner with the excuse that he had begun a new painting and simply lost track of time. Therein lies the playwright's premise for drama: How can the artist commit to the routine of a stable home life and dedicate himself fully to his artistic endeavor?

Not exactly a new concept, and perhaps lending itself more to philosophical dialogue than to dramatic solution, it is nevertheless an intriguing challenge. In this instance however, the playwright has stretched a potentially incisive one-act play into an attenuated, predictable and didactic two-act soap opera. *Ceremonies of Prayer* meandered on its relentless downhill course from Sien's initial foul-mouthed tirade to an off-stage

abortion and an on-stage suicide. I regretfully confess that I didn't care for any of the foursome—even the innocent bystander Joanne, as played with considerable professionalism by Ms. Jaspersen.

Ceremonies of Prayer continues Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 pm, through Nov. 14 at the San Francisco Performers Theatre, Building C, Fort Mason Center. Call 346-5550.

Les Miserables

Les Miz is back. I've seen three versions of this sprawling, poignant epic musical and this is the best. Just for the record, three touring companies have played to 11 million people in 100 different U.S. cities for a gross of $400 million. Worldwide, 25 million people have contributed a gross of $750 million to the *Les Miz* coffers. And all about a man who stole a loaf of bread for his sister's starving children and was sent to prison.

Unlike *Cats* and *Starlight Express* and a few other imported extravaganzas that have found their way to our Western shores, *Les Miz* is a triumph of musical staging with substance. Hugo's Inspector Javert is still pursuing ex-convict Jean Valjean through the provinces of France, over the 1832 freedom-fighting student barricades of Paris and into the sewers.

Claude-Michel Schonberg's music and Herbert Kretzmer's lyrics are perfectly wedded to Alain Boublil and Schonberg's libretto. Thieves, whores, beggars, factory workers and tavern drunks spill across the revolving stage singing a continuous score that is poignant, socially stirring and unabashedly theatrical.

Dave Clemmons is this company's Jean Valjean. He is most impressive dramatically and vocally, from his first passionate solo, "Who Am I?" to the sweet, softly sung prayer, "Bring Him Home." Chuck Wagner, grand of stature and baritone, is pretty much the one-dimensional villain throughout until his final, self-accounting "Soliloquy."

For a musical based on a duel between two men, it is the women who weave the story, with some strong songs and exquisite singing. Jill Geddes' doomed Fantine sings the wistfully hopeful "I Dreamed a Dream," exacts a promise from Valjean to care for her little daughter Cosette and, in the best tradition of opera, expires. Tamra Hayden, the grown Cosette, lends her pure, elegant soprano to two of the musical's most touching and complex ensemble numbers, the quartet, "In My Life," and the gorgeously soaring trio, "A Heart Full of Love."

Eponine (Angela Pupello), the ragtag daughter of innkeeper Thenardier, suffers silently in her love for Marius until she gets her big soul-wracking solo, "On My Own." One of this production's stronger performers, Pupello is a commanding stage presence. Ron Sharpe is a strong-voiced Marius, though somewhat reserved in the romantic department.

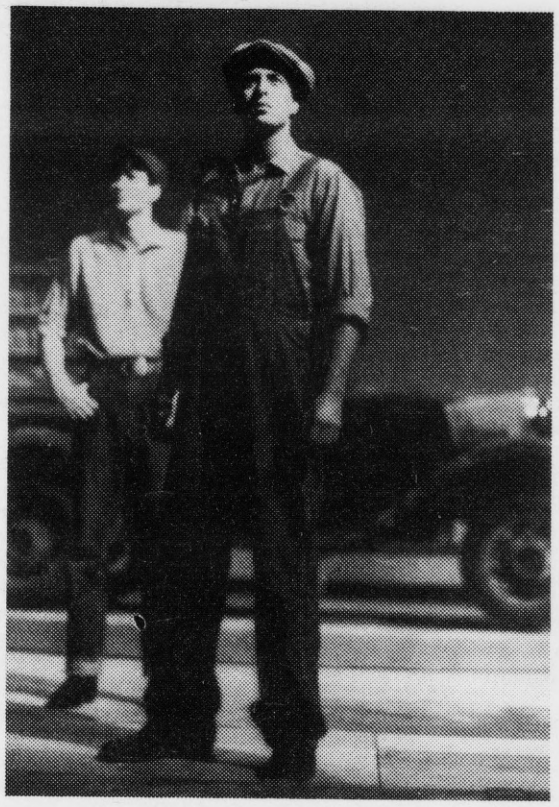
San Francisco's own Gina Ferral is the bawdy, bursting-at-the-bosoms Madame Thenardier who, along with J.P. Dougherty as her thieving, social-climbing husband, brings down the house twice with the rousing, "Master of the House" and "Beggars at the Feast."

The beautifully drilled ensemble is especially effective when the politically motivated Parisian students and citizens swing into action. Their "Do You Hear the People Sing?" is a grandly moving anthem. When the students later sing, "Drink With Me to Days Gone By," forecasting their own deaths, it is a strikingly relevant parallel to our own age. Marius' final solo, "Empty Chairs and Empty Tables," sung to those who died, strikes home powerfully in its contemporary context.

John Napier's set is as impressive a piece of stagecraft as one could hope to see, and David Hersey's lighting is creatively merged into the whole. John Caird and Trevor Nunn directed.

If you haven't seen *Les Miz*, you must. Eleven million American theatergoers can't be wrong.

Les Miserables has been extended through Nov. 22 at the Curran Theatre, Tuesday through Saturday, with Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets at the Curran box office or call (510) 762-BASS.



Bill Bragg as Tom Joad in the College of Marin's drama production of "The Grapes of Wrath," through Oct. 25 at the Fine Arts Theatre, Kentfield campus. Photo by Joseph Greco

Joan McMurtrey in "Creditors," a black comedy of obsession. Photo by Tom Chargin

"Without a Net" at Theatre Rhino, Nov. 6-15. Photo by Jonny McPhee

A.C.T.'s Creditors

After considerable fanfare, new A.C.T. artistic director Carey Perloff has unveiled her first directorial effort on the local scene—Strindberg's 1888 *Creditors*, an autobiographically based dialogue for two men and a woman on themes of jealousy, revenge, paranoia, misogyny and sexual fidelity, or lack thereof.

Psychologically claustrophobic despite the spare set's airiness (three chairs, a sculptor's clay model and French doors that open onto a cloud-drifting blue sky), the playwright's 90-minute word game introduces us to two men seemingly caught in mid-conversation.

William Converse-Roberts is sculptor Adolph, newly wed to successful novelist Tekla, played by strikingly handsome Joan McMurtrey. His studio visitor is Gustav, whom we assume to be a close friend as well as a therapist. Gustav leads the young, impressionable Adolph through a quagmire of insidious doubts and suspicions as to the absent Tekla's qualities, her nature as wife, woman, competitive artist, and her ability, in view of her previous marriage, to love only Adolph. The coldly detached Gustav feeds on Adolph's insecurities, instilling in him the idea that women, as inferior creatures, can drain men's intellectual and artistic capacities.

To observe their relationship at close hand, Gustav proposes hiding in the next room at Tekla's return. Adolph at once accuses Tekla of having an assignation with a young man on the boat (as reported by Gustav) and she freely admits to enjoying her flirtations and goes so far as to suggest that a woman can love two men at once. They bicker and Adolph charges out, only to change places with Gustav, who has agreed to enter and expose Tekla.

When Gustav enters we learn at once that he is indeed Tekla's first husband. Though she is perfectly at ease with him, she is nevertheless engineered into responding to his own self-serving ends. He traps her into some free-thinking (pre-feminist) admissions and maneuvers her into a playful—though hardly erotic—romp on the floor, wreaking a creditor's revenge upon the three of them.

Elegant, radiant McMurtrey is a charmer as the self-assured blonde-goddess Tekla, a woman ahead of her time, and Lanyer is brilliantly subdued as the chessmaster who manipulates his trusting pawns with easy and unerring aim at their weaknesses.

Strindberg "rarely read what he had written, believing that the sanctity of the creative act shouldn't be violated by self-criticism or rewriting." *Creditors*, written in two weeks, has been newly translated by Paul Walsh, who returned to the playwright's original intention of leaving the subtext shadowy and suggestive.

Simply and effectively directed, *Creditors* is little more than an intellectual dialogue offering little emotional or personal involvement. The clean, bright set is by Donald Eastman; costumes by Callie Floor; lighting by Frances Aaronson; sound by Stephen LeGrand. A critical success, to be sure, but one which might have been allowed to speak for itself without the felling of too many trees for all the advance printed hoopla.

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A Work About Older Queers That's Not a Putdown

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

In any gay or lesbian bar on any given night, you might hear disparaging remarks about growing old. In our gay culture (which mimics the mainstream one) there is nothing worse than getting wrinkles and (for men) losing your hair. None of our campy terms for older people is flattering.

Now comes a theater piece that hopes to change all that.

In November, Theatre Rhinoceros, in San Francisco's Mission District, is premiering a work that takes a positive look at the lives of older gays and lesbians. Two of the work's contributing writers are none other than longtime lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, authors of the classic *Lesbian/Woman*. The Lyon-Martin Women's Clinic here in San Francisco bears their names.

Titled *Without A Net*, the revue of comic, dramatic and musical scenes is the result of months of work by local writers. In addition to Martin and Lyon, these writers include Mary Berquist, George Birimisa, Robert Coffman, Stanley Eichelbaum, Dean Goodman and Victoria Alegria Rosales. Performers include Birimisa, Eichelbaum, Goodman, Janny MacHarg, Maggie Oleson and Irma Oliva-Ainsa. MacHarg also penned the music for the show.

Director Adele Prandini, a San Francisco native who has worked for Theatre Rhino for nine years, the last two of which she has served as artistic director, hopes the show is "uplifting." She initiated the project by calling together the team of writers. "In America, it's always been a youth-focused culture. A lot of us aging baby boomers are beginning to challenge the myths about age," she says.

"It's part of my philosophy to bring theater back into people's everyday lives," says Prandini. "I've had success in the past focusing on shows that spring from the personal." She says the effort is paying off—there's already been "a marvelous response in ticket sales."

Prandini describes the effort as "very collective." She says that she "contacted the writers," but "together we solicited the material, together we chose the material.

"As director, I have ultimate responsibility for this production," says Prandini, "but it was extremely collective."

Prandini feels this is the perfect moment to put up a show like *Without a Net*. "This is the first time the gay/lesbian community has had a visible and open multi-generational feel to it," she says.

Asked whether the show's writers and performers represent the multi-racial diversity of the queer community, Prandini said, "They're mainly white." But the show contains two pieces from Rosales, who is Latina, she adds.

"It's an ongoing struggle here, trying to solicit work of people of color," says Prandini, who is Italian American. "Rhino wants to represent a cross-section of the community."

The show's run will have a "unique performance schedule," according to Prandini, with performances at 8 pm on Friday, 5 pm on Saturday and 3 pm on Sunday. *Without a Net* plays Nov. 6-15. Tickets are available by calling (415) 861-5079.

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Film Arts Festival

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

The Film Arts Festival, which showcases Bay Area Independent Films and Videos, is presenting its 8th annual event from Nov. 4-8 at the Roxie Cinema. As always, the festival is right in there screening films which touch directly on the issues and concerns which are affecting us at the moment. And as usual, there is a strong gay and lesbian presence throughout the extensive program. This year there are some 90 films and videos, from shorts to features, screening in 15 categories and all hovering around the theme "American Values on Trial."

Of particular interest to lesbians and gays, is the "Family Values" program, and the section on "The Second Decade of AIDS." Also, Sandra Nettebeck's *A Certain Grace*, which won the audience award for best short in this year's SF Int'l Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, returns to the screen for those who may have missed it. Marlon Riggs' *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien* comes up again for perusal. A new film by Susana Blaustein Munoz and Erica Marcus, *My Home, My Prison*, based on the autobiography of Palestinian journalist Raymonda Tavil, headlines the closing-night program.

Filmmakers Sara Whiteley, Azian Nurudin and John Binninger put in appearances, bringing their disturbing and/or surreal visions to light. A charming film by Philippe Roques called *Faerie Tales* takes us to the pagan world of a group of Radical Faeries who cavort on 50 acres of land up in Wolf Creek, Ore. The gay men maintain a sanctuary committed to communalism, ecological stewardship, and Goddess worship. As they dance around the Maypole expressing themselves in androgynous drag fantasies, the spiritual light around them really does shine. "What makes us a Faerie couple?" asks one man rhetorically, and then answers, "Because we're a couple of Faeries, that's why!"

A major achievement at this year's festival comes from filmmaker Pam Walton (*Out in Suburbia*), who brings us a film which is both troublesome and ultimately uplifting, called *Gay Youth*.

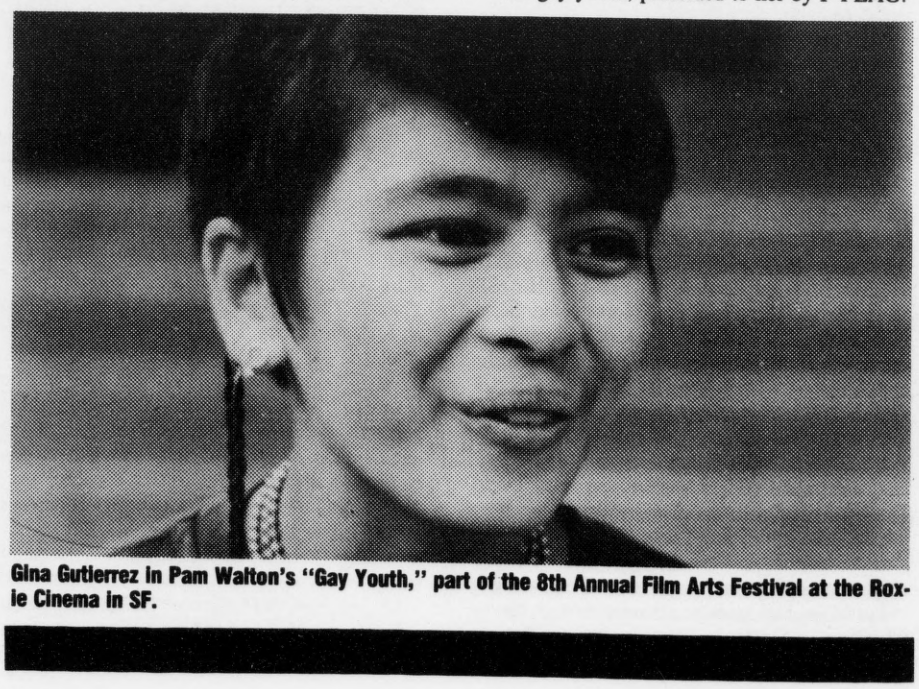
In 1989, a government report called "The Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide" was released. It called attention to some gruesome facts: 30 percent of all youth suicides in the United States were lesbian and gay young people. In addition, these lesbian and gay youth are three times more susceptible to heavy drug and alcohol abuse than heterosexual youth. Also as many as one quarter of all homeless adolescents are gay/lesbian.

For Pam Walton, who has worked extensively in the field of education and who read the original report, the worst news was yet to follow. Louis Sullivan, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, responded to right-wing pressure and denounced the findings of the report, saying, "I neither endorse nor approve the report from the Task Force on Youth Suicide," and he continued by saying that the information which was presented does "not in any way represent my personal beliefs or the policy of this department." Rep. William Dannemeyer responded to the information by claiming that gay youth kill themselves not because of societal persecution or discrimination, but because they are simply sick people. The Bush administration has shelved the report and refuses to publish it.

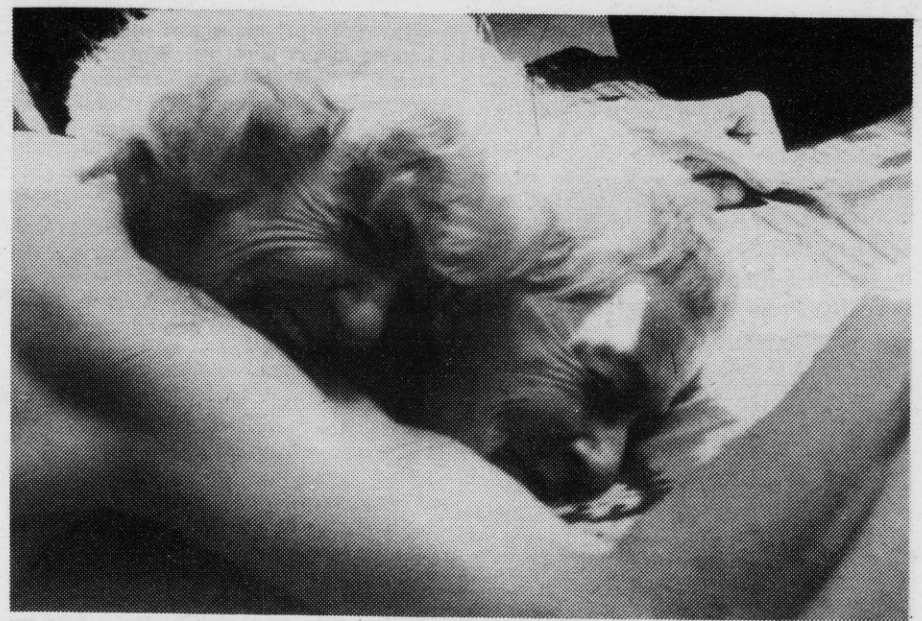
Walton decided to make a film about it. She felt compelled to call attention to that report and in the process to validate the feelings of loneliness, repression and depression she experienced herself as a lesbian teenager. The video-doc, *Gay Youth*, includes a number of young people's stories, but it basically swings between two main "characters." Walton offers an in-depth look at the suicide of 20-year-old Bobby Griffith. Bobby's mother speaks to the camera, describing the homophobic religious environment in which he was raised, and his own inability and the inability of his family to accept him the way he was. Walton takes us to Portland, where she talks with his aunt and his first boyfriend about the state of mind which led Bobby to leap to his death off the overpass of a Portland freeway. A voice-over reads passages from Bobby's diary: "Why did you do this to me, God? Why did you make me a queer?" He called himself "evil and wicked."

In contrast to Bobby, we then see the exemplary life of a vivacious young lesbian, Gina Gutierrez. Walton met 16-year-old Gina at Los Gatos High School, where she had just come out to the entire school by performing a monologue on coming out. Immediately she became known as "the dyke" and as the "leader of the dykes." Unlike Bobby, Gina insists on living her life to the fullest. In *Gay Youth*, we see how her openness has changed the lives around her. She's come to a place of peace within herself, with her parents, teachers and with straight classmates. As Gina says, "It takes so much more energy to hide."

The film follows Gina and her girlfriend as they prepare for the prom. The eventual prom photo features two happy femmes in sexy dresses with their arms around each other. Gina is a remarkably self-assured, gutsy and beautiful 16 year old. As she graduates from high school, we also see her accept another award in her rite of passage: the Bobby Griffith Award for lesbian/gay youth, presented to her by P-FLAG.



Gina Gutierrez in Pam Walton's "Gay Youth," part of the 8th Annual Film Arts Festival at the Roxie Cinema in SF.



Who says you're ever too old for sex? Sally Binford and Frances Lorraine get it on in Barbara Hammer's narrative history of gay life.

Nitrate Kisses

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Taking the updraft on the current wave of lesbian archivism, Barbara Hammer does in film what Lillian Faderman did in her book *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers*. She presents a narrative history of queer life (including an extensive gay male section) from the 1920s to the 1990s. Like Faderman, Hammer allows the voices of people to speak for themselves against the backdrop of queer cultural history.

Through the medium of film, Hammer is able to take the cultural artifacts which could only be alluded to in print, and she presents them in visual and auditory terms. This direct translation works especially well with the old blues tunes like *Sissy Man Blues*, or lesbian lyrics from Bessie Smith, which Barbara Hammer uses liberally in the soundtrack of *Nitrate Kisses*. It's amusing to actually see the steamy covers of paperback pulp novels like *Women in the Shadows*, *AC-DC*, and *Homo Sap*. And what's more, through the medium of film, we not only hear about the different ways and attitudes of queer sexual expression, we're privy to watching it on screen.

This is Hammer's first feature-length film. She's produced over 50 experimental short works, and *Nitrate Kisses* follows but diverges significantly from the style of the shorter works. There's much more cohesiveness and longer narrative takes in this work, which make the film feel less arty and more traditionally informative.

Of course, it's still non-linear, and Hammer makes a point of showing how history comes from fragments which are left to us to interpret. She holds to the theory that this approach comes closer to the truth of life, which is experienced in disjointed images, symbols and processes that only verge on being meaningful after we assign meaning to them. She knows how non-narrative film makes most people uncomfortable, and this film seems more than her others to take her audience into consideration. She is, after all, working on creating a collective, rather than a personal, vision of queer cultural history.

The impulse to archive begins with a quotation from Adrienne Rich, who warns us that whatever is left out, ignored or censored about a people will become not merely unspoken, but will become unspeakable. Hammer underscores her project as an attempt to uncover hidden history with a view toward a future that will give credence to queers and which will exhibit a strong lesbian visibility. Artifacts live longer than the people who create them, and works of art, like films, continue to have a life of their own through time.

In *Nitrate Kisses*, Hammer interweaves images from the past and the present in a viable way. Traveling to Willa Cather's final resting place, we see a monument erected to her, and we hear a tour guide speaking about the house where she wrote and lived. Not once is her lesbianism mentioned. Before her death, Cather and her female lover burned all of her letters. She didn't want anything of her personal life to be revealed. And so, except for the work of the lesbian decoders, Cather would have remained invisible as a lesbian role model.

Since not all lesbians are writers or artists, lesbian visibility is often perpetuated through oral history and a shared secret iconography. Hammer shows us the icons, and the people in her film speak about the pre-liberation days and the decoys involved in living "in the life."

Since sexuality is a major defining characteristic of a lesbian identity, Hammer doesn't shirk in presenting this reality. Unlike other cultural documentaries, Hammer displays graphic sex in her film. The sex she shows is not run-of-the-mill titillation. Her first sex partners are old lesbians, quite wrinkled and beyond the prime. They tongue-kiss, caress and then go full boogie with cunnilingus and manual penetration. It's something we don't often see on screen. In fact, I don't think I've ever seen it on screen.

This highlights ageism as yet another manifestation of lesbian invisibility. Along with the sex, we hear the voice-over narration of each of the women, one in her sixties and one in her seventies, talking about their long lives as lesbians, and what they went through politically and personally in the past decades. On the screen flashes the sentence, "biography is a tool in a political context."

While searching through archives for her film, Hammer came across a large number of outtakes from the 35mm nitrate film, *Lot in Sodom* (1933), which now has the distinction of being the first queer film made in America. Most of the men in it were filmed seductively, either naked or in posing straps, or in very effeminate drag. Hammer uses lots of footage from this film, and she intercuts it with present-day erotic scenes of lovemaking between a Black/white young male couple. While the narrator explains the Hollywood Film Code of 1934-1961, which prohibited same-sex eroticism and outlawed miscegenation, we see the white guy putting a condom over his partner's erect cock.

Nitrate Kisses continues unveiling transgressions with political bravado. There is a quotation from Pat Califia about denied eroticism. We hear a woman with a heavy German accent speaking about lesbians held in World War II concentration camps. The few accounts we have, she says, come from straight women who have written about the two types of lesbianism in the camps. There was the "disgusting" kind: physical sex between those who were seen as criminals, prostitutes, asocial perverts. And then there was the idealistic kind between Jewish women and political types, which was seen to be "orderly," platonic. Essentially, there are no accounts by lesbians themselves of life in the camps, and so it remains as a hidden history. On screen, between shots of rubble and steel gratings, we see two dykes making love, one with a leather harness strap-on, penetrating her companion. A voice speaks about how fluid sexual categories are and how no specific sexual identity should be denied.

The film ends with a reflection of Barbara Hammer, with her camera in hand, looking through a window and waving at two punk lesbians who've just been having sex. The last words are from a speech given at the Lesbian Herstory Archives about how lesbians have shared a long history of discrimination by the various medical establishments which have used arguments of "biology" to prove that we're less than human. "Never again," is the message.

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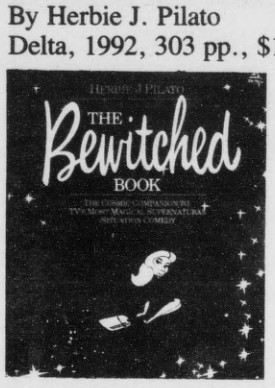

Reviewed by Jack Fertig

Back before Stonewall, there was indeed a vibrant queer culture, but like Jung's collective unconscious, it would only pop into full visibility through a few archetypal manifestations. It should be no surprise that a sit-com about witches would offer visibility to some fairies as well. *Bewitched* was bland enough to avoid offending mainstream sensibilities, but for those of us who could twitch a few odd parts ourselves, it was no challenge to look past Samantha's "Tinka-tinka-tee" and get the real tea! The show was, of course, about culture clash; conformity versus creative elementals; real life as you and I know it.

Conspicuous camp Paul Lynde and Agnes (who gave the girls) Moorehead were only the clearest and queerest in a cast of wacked-out wiccans. Father Maurice was as grand as any queen ever hoped to be, and Serena would be right at home in ACT UP or Queer Nation. The worst thing about Samantha's husband wasn't so much that he was mortal, but that he was so dull! He was also pointedly petty, tight-assed and dedicated to dreary conventions. Rude, snide and snotty, he made gratuitously bigoted remarks at anyone whose life transcended his own dreary, narrow frame of reference. He was consistently rude enough to earn every ignominy visited up on him by his in-laws—and more.

Dildo—or whatever his name was—had such a cross to bear, having to cope with people who were so much more interesting than he. In a droll little symmetry between real life and art, Dick Sargent came out last year. He said he wanted to demonstrate to the world that not all homosexuals are drag queens and leather freaks. Sigh. Poor old Dydoe still doesn't get it.

More sympathetic than I, Herbie Pilato has put together a very affectionate compendium of stories, synopses, and trivia about *Bewitched*. His

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Cast in Doubt

by Lynne Tillman
Poseidon Press, 1992; 239 pages

Reviewed by Louise Rafkin

After finishing just the first few pages of this novel, I had completely suspended my disbelief: I was thoroughly convinced that I was privy to the inner thoughts of an aging male homosexual expatriate living on Crete. That Lynne Tillman is able to portray this quirky narrator in such detail, with such conviction, only makes this wonderful novel more astounding.

As a whole, *Cast in Doubt* is one of those rare books that leaves the reviewer in me speechless; I'd rather you just went and read the thing. But here goes:

This is a dense novel, full of literary allusions and queer facts, and it is populated by a string of unlikely, sometimes unlikable characters. Our narrator, Horace, is a mystery writer, a fact he keeps hidden from the other expatriate artists and writers with whom he fraternizes. They live in a small village which they share with a slew of genial locals. At the opening of the book, it is the mid-'70s and Horace has been living in Greece for quite some time: "After almost 20 years the scene has become a bit frayed at the edges. Thinner, balder, less bright, more brittle. Like me."

Horace recounts the inner workings of the village, his own obsessions—sexual and platonic—his political, literary and artistic opinions, and the endless gossipy details about his friends—a term I use loosely in this instance. In fact, the folks in this gang are refugees, divided by jealousies and romantic entanglements, though of course they all meet daily for dinner at the local restaurant.

To wheel through the plot of this fabulous novel would overlook Tillman's skill as a writer. Sure, there is a plot. It centers around Horace's fascination with a young American woman, Helen, with whom he shares meals, outings and conversation. The waif-like Helen keeps Horace at bay. He's not allowed to pry into her past, so he weaves an intricate history about her, almost like he's creating a character in one of his mystery novels.

When Helen disappears, Horace sneaks away from the village to find her. His journey, which takes him into a camp of Gypsies, becomes one of those archetypal trips that enables the traveler to see himself more clearly.

But inside this plot, Tillman presents a colorful tapestry of characters, in prose so fluid and thick that several readings would do it service. As narrator, Horace gives us everything firsthand. There is no dialogue, but rather descriptions of conversations that are taking place in the present. We see and hear the other characters through Horace's mind, in his language. Tillman pulls this off with grace—she's concocted a monologue which encompasses the dialogue.

Each character has his or her own mystery. Just as Horace keeps his crime writing an embarrassed secret, the other characters also seem marred by a strange opaqueness. There is the beautiful John, ex-lover of Helen, who has attempted suicide. He is coveted by both Horace and the feline, older and wiser Alicia. There is Roger, Horace's literary and sexual nemesis, with whom he has swapped various lovers, mostly young Greek boys who are paid companions. And Stephen, the ex-hippie recluse, who appears from time to time.

Gwen, a Black woman writer from New York and Horace's dear friend from his early gay days in Cambridge, turns up midway through and throws herself into the middle of the group. A powerful, enigmatic figure, through Horace we see her ambivalence toward racial issues and receive her slightly sour perspective on just about everything. Wallace, a South African, has spent time in mental hospitals for opposing apartheid.

When Horace learns of Gwen's impending visit, he immediately develops a dramatic plot to explain her circumstances: "And I began to suspect that things were amiss, that things had gone awry with Gwen, that she was anxious, perhaps even desperate about something and even in some type of trouble. It was possible that she was running away from New York, that she was not merely on vacation, needing a respite, having taken up my invitation, but had to leave the city, forced out by something much bigger and more calamitous than bad vibes...."

With this kind of narrator, the book never lacks suspense, though as you spend time with Horace you begin to realize that indeed his dramatic flair doesn't always pan out to "real life" drama. "Mother suspected that I turned everything into drama. I am drawn to the mystery and inconclusiveness of life, which is dramatic; life is allowed to hold unwieldy surprises or at least uncertainty."

Still, aside from the constant intrigue, what makes the book flow is the intimacy that you have with Horace. He is a character in his own history, and manages to keep everything from moving while careening off into reveries about the past, both his personal past and the historical past. At once point he sits alone in his room raising a weak Black Power salute, at another he waxes poetic

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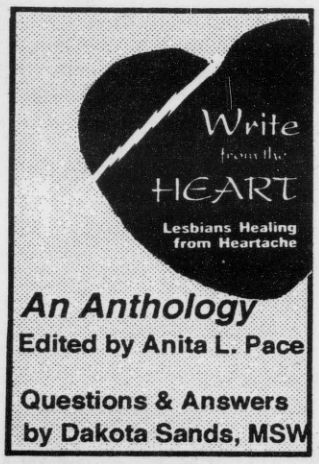

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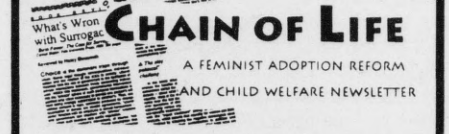

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Pilato avoids any in-depth political analysis or language, remaining true to the spirit of the show. In a facile... uh, excuse me... *accessible* manner, he presents the program as a light-hearted, broadly acceptable pitch for liberal humanism. However, as wonderbread as the show was, there were protests from the Bible Belt that *Bewitched* was sacrilegious, anti-family, unfit for children and Christian viewers. Pilato points out episodes where Samantha goes to church and/or prays; and much is made of Samantha's speeches for freedom, dignity and acceptance. There is one episode where witchlet Tabitha wishes that she and her Black friend could be sisters. After some magical mishaps and resolution, Samantha assures them that even without magic they can be sisters. Heady stuff for the mid-'60s... uh, 1970.

The photos and synopses, anecdotes and biographies of cast members will delight an avid fan of the TV show, although it's mighty thin reading for the rest of us. Even the back cover blurb teases us with nothing more enticing than "How many guest appearances did Paul Lynde make as kooky Uncle Arthur?" We get to learn all about the back injury that eventually took Dick York off the show; hence Dick Sargent. We read how Agnes Moorehead was discovered for the role of Endora. (They found her at Bloomingdale's.) I was heartbroken to discover that the indomitable Miss Moorehead was known around the set as "Aggie," but in these 303 pages of devotion, this is the most startling revelation.

Even as a fan's indulgence, *The Bewitched Book* is rather precious and fawning. I mean, I do like Liz Montgomery, but Pilato writes as if even off the set she walks on water.

With some insulin on the side, the book is not without its merits. If it's shallow and a bit too cute, so is the subject. It would make a worthwhile gift for anyone you know who goes out of their way to watch Aunt Clara's trial.

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Doubt...

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on Jackson Pollock and the concept of randomness. Through Helen, he is drawn to studying Gypsies and there is much in later pages about their particular brand of secrecy.

Much of *Cast in Doubt* reads like a rich, complex diary. One thought leads to another, opening on a different room. "I am not one who can keep his mind on what is actually before him; I am more involved in what I see in my mind's eye. It is prosaic but true. I tend merely to register the physical world, my surroundings, but then in a matter of no time at all, have in view a whole range of associations—a mountain range, if you will—which looms in front of me, and off I go. I might consider the mountains in the distance, their rough beauty, how purple they appear, but the color purple might lead me to the term 'purple prose,' for example, which then always brings to mind Alicia...." If you can keep up with him, Horace will take you all kinds of places.

As you can imagine, the end of *Cast in Doubt* brings no crashing denouements. Horace is left working on his interminable novel, *Household Gods*—what he considers his *real* work. He is 70 and his life continues for one undramatic moment. But as a reader, I was unwilling to close the book and break the spell of disbelief. I turned the book over and started to read again.

the personals

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WOMEN

Kinda Assertive Femme
Average height/weight, attractive, brown eyes/hair, 35 y.o., looking for average weight kinda butch or kinda femme who's bright, has a good sense of humor, 35-45 y.o., for romance, et al. I like comedy, plays, flea markets, movies, quiet times at home, talking, jazzercise, poker and other stuff. I'm introspective, psychologically aware, bright, funny, sometimes gregarious, sometimes quiet, am playful, affectionate, and politically minded. I communicate what I want/need (usually) and am responsible for my own feelings. You too (usually). Long-term: loving, stable, monogamous live-in relationship with children. Call ★★1636.

Seeking Friendship/Poss. Relationship
I am a 27-year-old African-American woman. Friendship holds a very special place in my heart. I am financially and emotionally stable. I love to laugh and have fun. I love music, dancing, reading and sports. Age, race unimportant. Give me a call. I'm looking forward to hearing from you! All will be answered. Call ★★1637.

Friend And Companion
Sought by honest, friendly, easygoing, open-minded, nonsmoking, 34-year-old feminist. My interests include: walking, hiking, conversation, photography, cooking, music, dancing, movies and other cultural events. I'm seeking a humorous partner with similar qualities and some of the same interests. Reply BT Box OC1B or call ★★1638.

A Love For All Seasons
Deep and fierce, tender and still, spiritual, creative, honest, courageous, emotional, playful, wise and true. Let's explore the possibilities for a long-term monogamous partnership. I'm 40, Jewish, warm, affectionate, sensitive, experienced and able to be intimate. I want lots of talking, sharing feelings, laughter and touching. Nonsmokers only and prefer over 35. Call ★★1639.

Happy Anniversary, J.
You keep the kick in my "big feet"—much love and catfur (because it's not possible to have anything without catfur attached...) —Mistress Danekoria.

Wanted: Long-Lasting, Caring Companion
Attractive GWF, young 42, seeks sweet, loving, caring and passionate woman, romance, lots of kissing, hugging, touching and holding hands. Willing to communicate, sensitive to each other's feelings. Long-lasting commitment. I am 5'7", slim and looking for caring, passionate, touching. Love movies, shows, dancing, romantic evenings, etc. Nonsmokers from 30 to 50. Prefer someone 5'6" or taller. Call ★★1640.

Seeking Me?
You are if you want a pretty, young (19), Black, soft butch/femme. That's me. I like movies, friends, conversation, lots of stuff. How about you? Are you also Black, intelligent, fun, lesbian, zany, looking for love? I hope so. It's so hard to find someone special. You shouldn't pass up this chance. Give me a call. Women under 30 only, please. Call ★★1641.

Hiking Dykes
Active, 31-year-old who loves the outdoors, long day hikes, playing and watching sports and talking one-on-one, looking for someone with similar interests who is 21 to 41, a nonsmoker and a non or light drinker. I don't like crowds or dances and I take it slow in developing friendships and relationships. Call ★★1642.

Experienced Procrastinator
I've been meaning to write this ad for some time now. Once a 3rd generation research technician, now in public health field, I'd like to meet an environmentally conscious, politically aware, humor-prone or otherwise captivating lesbian or BiF. I am 34, bi, 5'5", 115 lbs., funny, sympathetic, sensitive, a casual dresser, maybe pretty. I like to hike, read, work out, think. Answer my ad. I might be a catch. Who knows? Call ★★1643.

Thirtysomething, non-thin, professional, loves: to laugh, good friends, explorations and sex. Seeks mature, 30-50+, unpretentious, down-to-earth, independent woman who knows herself and a little about the world. Call ★★1644.

Not To Be Missed
GWF, 36, American-Italian, Scorpion, artist & poet, loves nature, camping, the sea, the stars and an occasional cocktail. Seeking mature GWF with a sense of humor, compassionate, goal-oriented, fun-loving, people-type person to connect with. Looking to make new friends, also open to a long-term relationship if it develops. Lesbians only. Call ★★1645.

Sonoma County
Lesbians with CFIDS need love too. Can't dance, can't climb stairs; marathons are out, easy walks are in. Are you also a lesbian with diminished capacity? Care to join me for a sit at the beach? Want to rent a video or watch TV? Like to talk on the phone? This 38-year-old, sensitive and caring lesbian wants to meet you. Able-bodied dykes also encouraged to apply. Please be scent-free, alcohol-, drug- and smoke-free and with a healthy sense of humor. Reply PO Box 15182, Santa Rosa 95402 or call ★★1646.

Looking For Me?
I'd love to make you go mmmmm. I'm a killer kisser, with sexy eyes and a body to match. Call me, we'll meet. If you turn me on, I'll be everything you want and more... Call ★★1647.

Where Are All
The normal women? They must have lovers. Me: East Bay, 31 y.o., 5'8", brown hair/eyes, good-looking, stable, professional, boat owner, who wants to take a feminine, attractive, stable gal to the Delta. Prefer 28-35 and you aren't like these ads. Smoker preferred, but if you don't I can overlook it. Call ★★1648.

Let's Date Not Mate
At least for now. Petite, long-haired, athletic, good-looking, bilingual Latina seeks flirtation, passion and romance if the sparks fly, serious relationship if we both come to want it. I have an interesting life, good friends, many interests, and a beautiful, dimpled smile. While verbal communication is important, I pay more attention to actions. Seeking physically attractive and active, emotionally stable and mature, dance-loving lesbian(s). Call ★★1649.

Save A Pisces From Cynicism
'46 Pisces femme needs butch company: preferably East Bay, preferably a smoker (there must be a few left), preferably a warm woman who understands the astrological peculiarities of Venus in Pisces (look it up, honey, it's important). Preferably someone with a little imagination, sensitivity and a strong ego who appreciates women as individuals. That's all I want: the paragon of butches... I should live so long. Still, nothing ventured. Reply BT Box OC2B or call ★★1650.

Relationship Not Wanted
Looking for hot sex, not entanglements. You should be over 30, great-looking, athletic, intelligent, very sexy, independent. Honesty critical. I live in Santa Cruz and love to visit the city, so if you're from either locale and want sex without the drama, you may have found your match. Call ★★1651.

12-Step Leather Dyke Seeks Same
Bratty butch bottom, Jewish & 36 (birthday: Oct. 15!), seeks femme or butch top for sleazin' good times. Leathersex as well as cuddlin', lovemakin' & intellectually stimulatin' conversation. Anarchist bent; musicians/other artists preferable; also 35+. No smokers, scents, furry animals (asthmatic). Safe sex only. Reply: Boxholder, 2300 Market, #9, SF 94114... (Columbus discovered America—Not!)

Amorous Attention And More!
Were you one of the fully-clothed, no eye contact, shy gawkers at Ecstasy Lounge? Skip this ad. But if you live in SF, are a nonsmoker, confident, self-affirming, aware you choose the feleings you experience, cherish conversation and honestly have time to pay attention, spiritual 30 y.o. seeks impassioned sex with one who also places intellectual stimulation on her list of oral talents. Reply BT Box OC3B or call ★★1652.

Companion? An Affair? More?
GWW seeks the company of white, Latin or Asian GW who is sensual, attractive, bright and late-20s to late-40s. You must be communicative and honest, as I am, and preferably femme-of-center. I am bright, educated, witty, quiet, active, fit yet zoftig and definitely not boring. I love a wide range of activities. Prefer you live within half hour of San Francisco. Call ★★1653.

South American Looking For Friendship
I like to go to the movies, long walks, flea markets, dancing, out to dinner, talk on the phone. I live in Oakland. Call ★★1654.

Under The Big Top
Rubenesque, Titian-haired, Matisse-loving tightrope walker seeks personal safety net. I'm warm, personable, smart, considerate, fun-loving and fun to be with. If you are femme-of-center, caring, have a good sense of humor, and capable of exploring commitment, call me! Let's leave the circus behind. Call ★★1655.

On The Brink Of My Future...
And looking for someone to share it. Me: GWF, late 20s, green eyes, auburn hair, medium height/weight. Moderately athletic. Don't drink, do drugs. Employed graduate student, preparing for law school. Dog owner. I enjoy long walks, reading the Sunday paper in bed, movies (no subtitles), "thirtysomething" reruns, weekend trips. Looking for a relationship, but want to take my time getting there with the right person. You: 25-35 y.o., intelligent, sense of humor, respect your body and it shows. Know who you are and what you want and like to dream. Good conversationalist. Motivated and career-oriented, but know how to allow time for romance. You are supportive and know how to receive support. Enjoy quiet nights at home, but can afford occasional outings. Call ★★1656.

Shy Bi In Tie-Dye Seeks Bold Tender Lover
Pretty WBF, precocious 22, primary relationship w/male, have lovely, delightful daughter. Bohemian lifestyle, temperamental artist, colorfully dressed. Virgin w/women, anxious for experience. Seeking: good-looking, average build, unpossessive, sexually initiative woman, feminine-androgynous preferred, for lighthearted (but romantic) affair. Come on 2 me, teach me how 2 make love 2 you! Please no: S/M, smoking/drugs, extreme butches. Letter w/photo appreciated or honest, sexy message. Reply BT Box OC4B or call ★★1658.

Sophisticated Femmes
I like women because they're women, not girls trying to be boys. Attractive femme, svelte, 5'7", long hair, hazel eyes, 33, passionate, sensual, creative, adventurous, intelligent, kind, employed but on a career change, gregarious, with a most outrageous sense of humor. Prefer mature, classy femme with a heart as beautiful as you are. Let me please you as we open new worlds to each other. Call ★★1659.

B.
When I saw you at Cafe San Marcos, I was excited, intrigued and wanted to touch your body. Then when we talked I noticed how beautiful your smile is and your eyes have a magnetism that is irresistible. When we saw each other Friday night I'm glad I wanted pizza instead of Chinese food. Look forward to sharing and living out fantasies with you. —J.

True Creative Artist
Novelist/musician, somehow sane (well, pretty much), last surviving smoker/drinker, romantic, love to make love, limitless sense of humor, realist... existentialist... silly 30 y.o., smart and strong. Smokers, tolerant NS's, cats, dogs, hamsters, new agers, old agers, dykes, femmes, 18-50, hey, let's enjoy life while we're alive. P.S. Jazz, classical, rock; Dostoevsky, King, Howatch, Bradbury, Robbins, Styron. P.P.S. I'm in Santa Cruz. Call ★★1660.

Autonomous
Butch-of-center dyke, 29, seeks femme type woman who likes to talk, dance, think, play, watch old movies and new ones, is interested in romance—and friendships—please apply. I am honest, nurturing, sometimes shy but charming and non-addictive. Interested? All will be answered. Call ★★1662.

Bunches And Gobs (La, La)
I miss you bunches and gobs. You never called back. I am hurt and confused. It is past August and I have realized you are my first true love. I will love you forever. Call me if you're able. I miss you. Me.

Feminine Women
Searching for passion and substance. Kisses, hot springs, dancing, long conversations about politics, art, discovery are some of the things I enjoy. I am a 30-yr-old professional, feminine, attractive, 5'9", very fit and healthy. Looking for a special woman for friendship or passion to love exquisitely. Europeans, artists, academics or those who take risks to live life to the fullest excite me. Reply BT Box OC6B or call ★★1663.

Surrender To The Senses
Feeling and growth junkie. Exciting, sensual, professional, athletic build, romantic, assertive as well as vulnerable, loves the intense adventure of the moment—intimacy, passion, laughter and tears—desires a special SF woman who loves herself and understands her family of origin issues. 40+, slender/trim, attractive/good-looking, physical, health conscious, nonsmoker and ready for a committed, loving relationship. Call ★★1664.

Working At Living...
Not living to work. Looking for someone special to grow with. Want to spend weekends enjoying all that life has to offer. For those quiet evenings I enjoy eating out, renting a movie, getting a bottle of wine, then relaxing and enjoying each other's company. I love my kitten; I love my scooter; but I need to fill the gap... and to love you. Call ★★1665.

Are You Ready For Commitment?
Searching for the woman of my dreams. Me: East Bay resident, 38, 5'11", 195#, dark hair and eyes, pretty femme. I am in a career transition. Think the important things in life are: honesty, clarity, feelings, wants, needs, integrity, closeness, connection, cuddling, clear communication, laughter, caring, love, music, movies, food, restaurants and TV. I take life moderately due to injury. No rebounders, smokers or cats. Call ★★1667.

Phone Ads Suck
Fiscally conservative lesbian, 38, activist, writer. Good cook, good friend, nice pet rabbit. Open to relationships on various levels. Borderline MPD. Reply BT Box OC7B or call ★★1668.

I'm Ready
Seeking respite and fun from our fast-paced hectic world. Quiet nights by the fireplace and dinner in a candlelit restaurant. Miniature golf and the penny arcade at Ocean Beach. If you are a good-looking woman with style and wit, then what are you waiting for? I'm Jewish, professional, attractive, feminine woman who wants it all! No drugs, nonsmoker and over 30 please. Call ★★1669.

Constant Craving
For someone special in my life; someone who shares my intersts in art, music, laughter and spirituality; someone with the right mix of stability and silliness. I am in my 30s, have auburn hair and beautiful brown eyes, and am a romantic at heart. Nonsmokers, please call ★★1670.

Tall Muscular Butch
Looking for that soft, sensual, attractive femme who enjoys walks on the beach, dancing, old movies, romantic nights by the fire, and must be an animal lover. I'm very aggressive in bed but into exploring friendship first. Must be employed, no addicts, heavy drinkers, and prefer nonsmokers. Enclose photo if possible. Reply BT Box OC8B or call ★★1671.

Simple Addition
You get + points if you are: + + + honest and respectful of yourself and others; + + start relationships with friendships first; + femme-of-center; + and think Mrs. Fields chocolate chip cookies should be worshipped. My math scores: educated, country GWF, 7 on the B/F scale, and in the medical profession. Let me know your totals. PO Box 793, Willits 95490 or call ★★1672.

November In Hawaii??
I'll be there for business and will have lots of free time. This isn't a relationship ad—I'd just like to connect up with other lesbians, especially those traveling alone, for dinner, snorkeling, going to the beach and/or exploring. If you'll be in Hawaii anytime from mid-November to the beginning of December, please call ★★1673.

"In Search Of Higher Consciousness..."
Passionate tech-artist, 29-year-old, spiritually oriented, yet down-to-earth, into Yoga, meditation and being outside. Independent and emotionally/physically healthy. Looking to date "real women"; someone who is open, honest and deep; also independent. Not into the "trend thing," looking for friendship first. Would love to meet a soulmate, build a house and have kids. But travel is always desirable. Call ★★1674.

Looking
5'1" WF exploring my sexuality. Looking for a possible companion or more. Loves animals. No drugs or alcohol. Photo please. Reply BT Box OC9B.

Lesbianas Latinas De SF—Donde Estan?
We are both 40+, warm, caring, affectionate, romantic, sensual and enjoy life. We are also bright, articulate professionals who are socially conscious and self-aware. Me gusta bailar y me encanta reirme. Please—no smokers, heavy drugs or alcohol. Call ★★1675.

Woman Seeking Women
Asian, mid-30s, looking for gay friends to go out to movies, dinners. Also looking for partner and soulmate that understands what commitment and relationship means. Enjoy candlelight dinners, fireplaces, like to cuddle, caring and understanding. Hate liars, materialistic, one-night stands. Kids are OK, 30-45 preferred. Lesbians only. Call ★★1676.

Attention
You called me on Saturday the 10th because we are both "sick of the bar scene." Your message on my voice mail was accidentally erased. So all I remember is that you're 25, have brown hair, 5'2", weigh 120 lbs, live in SF and your phone number starts (415) 621-. Please, call me again. This time I promise to call back. Call ★★1677.

Butch?
I adore butch women: all sizes, colors and shapes (well, I prefer to have some flesh to grab onto), as long as you're not a fake, and are reasonably honest, kind and intelligent. I hate attitude, but I like a sleazy edge. I'm looking for some wild safer sex (I'm not into pain, but love both ends of most everything else) and light romance, not a heavy duty relationship (although if lightning strikes...). I'm an attractive, 28 y.o. blonde femme dyke: easygoing, cynical, socially shy, sexually and otherwise adventurous, not a trendoid, a smoker, not skinny but not overweight, with varied interests; including live music (from Malibu Barbie to Mozart), lazy hikes, swimming, unusual movies, books, the decay of Western civilization, and anything that makes me laugh. Call ★★1678.

Happa And Seeks Girlfriend
Loving, pretty, silly, (yet sharp & opinionated), very bi Happa (Asian/white/Latina), 30, seeking similar, 25-38. You share some of my interests: dancing, swimming, creative, funky, expressive clothes, gardening, progressive politics (important), some kind of creativity (writing, art, etc.) I'm "feminine," have long hair, small body; prefer "feminine" women (very loosely speaking), nonsmoker, single, who value clear communication only please. PO Box 3303, Oakland 94609 or call ★★1679.

Woman To Woman TLC
I'm not thin. I'm chubby, sexy and attractive. My thick red painted lips want to kiss you and my long tongue will lavishly lick you. But seriously, I want lesbo companionship for that gentle, sensuous touch, hug and long (soft) kisses. Do respond if you're sensitive and caring. But honestly, I want to have fun and that means safe touching. Do you? If so, call me! Call ★★1681.

Models Or Athletes
I love tall, feminine, sexy, attractive, health-conscious, ambitious, adventurous, fun, intelligent, interesting, career-minded woman who love women and are between 20-35. No drunks or drug addicts. I'm all of the above and feel great in jeans or slacks, sweats or skirts (depends on my mood or the occasion). I'm also 5'6", lean, muscular, tan, healthy (physically and emotionally) and have a sense of humor. Call ★★1682.

F. Boo,
You love the ocean and I love the forest. When I first spied your green eyes peeking out at me from beneath that baseball cap, I knew we'd be together for a long, long time. But I never imagined the depth of your softness and the incredible love that has built up inside me for you. You are the Venus. And as each year makes you wiser, you also become more stunning. Who knows now, at this crossroads, if we still stay or part. I only know that wherever I go I will be yearning for the forest. Happy 12th Sober Birthday! Always, Your Bear.

Open Heart
I'm looking for a sweet, affectionate lover who has a spiritual commitment to growth, strong sense of self, appreciation for laughter and play, ability for honest conversation, likes movies, walking, dinners and company of friends without drugs, drinking or smoking. Prefer to meet women who are "available" and interested in a possible relationship. I am 39, live in the East Bay, professional and love my cat! Call ★★1683.

Non-Capitalist Dykes On Bike Hikes—
I'm looking for cute, healthy, open, honest, kind, non-judgmental, non-competitive, die-hard idealists, who still believe we can make a society that cares for each other and who believe that capitalist and feminist are a contradiction in terms. I am 40—like school, work, writing, films, dance, campfires, acceptance, solitude, intimacy. If you would like to support each other, are mature, non-violent, nonsmoker-user and as above, please contact PO Box 179, 2018 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 94704 or call ★★1684.

Am I The Only One
Who believes sensual fireworks mean more than caring and affection, not incestuous social circles or sex clubs? 5'8", 37 y.o., outgoing GWF "gentlewoman," pursuing singing/performing career, into sports (golf, tennis, softball, swimming, etc.), outdoors, concerts, 49ers, massage, laughs, motorcycles, dancing and other adventures, would like to meet someone 28-40, outdoorsy, medium/stocky, great humor, near SF, for friendship first, more if fate allows. I'm stocky yet strong, athletic and toning; have humor, hugs, heart and honesty; happy with life in general, but would like to share the fun with someone special. And you? Call ★★1685.

Professional Woman
Ready to welcome companionship and potential love. I'm in my early 40s, financially secure, in-

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telligent, good-humored and physically fit. Spirituality and creativity are important values. I enjoy writing, sunshine and gardening and roses sustain me. I'm seeking a like-minded soul who can keep my pace and invite me on new paths toward adventure and intimacy. Call ★★1686.

It's Autumn

It's time to enjoy the art of relaxing after a very enjoyable summer. Autumn does not mean that one has to be anti-social. It is a more special time to really get to know new people, to actually spend quality time with friends and special loved ones. I am a 29-year-old professional woman who enjoys being active and meeting other women who enjoy the theater, plays, books, romantic getaways. PO Box 31653, Oakland 94604 or call ★★1687.

Medical Intern—New To Town

GWF, 31, medical intern, attractive, intelligent, progressive, humanistic, sincere, w/a core of creativity & spirituality ISO intimate relationship w/feminine or androgynous lesbian. Race very unimportant. Also ISO friends—would like to meet medical professionals, including holistic practitioners, musicians, artists, writers... sincere, evolved women. Enjoy nature, culture (music, dancing, arts, ethnic foods/events), progressive city happenings... Non-butch only. No golddiggers, substance abusers please. Reply BT Box OC11B or call ★★1688.

Passionate Polyfidelity

Is your lesbian heart large enough to love more than one woman? If you are not a sexual macrobiotic, and are, or have been, in committed relationships with more than one lesbian partner at a time, may I interview you for my new book? Cruisers, if this includes our mixing business with pleasure, I'm your Queen of the Slipstream. Let's share the wealth! Reply: Boxholder, 519 Castro Street, #52, SF 94114 or call ★★1689.

Throwing Muse

Art dyke/writer, 40—intense, articulate, attractive—seeks girlfriend, 30+, for sharing artistic struggles, human foibles and urban adventures. Looking for someone who, like myself, does not fit into any of the usual categories and is ready to take some risks. No smokers, heavy drinkers, non-voters or fanatically p.c. types. Call ★★1690.

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SHARED INTEREST

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Astrology Socials For Women

Casual monthly gatherings to talk about the stars and such. If you're interested in meeting with like-minded souls, call ★★1761. Leave name and phone. Individualized charts will be provided free. Group size is limited. San Francisco location.

Oakland Video Enthusiast

Seeking other enthusiasts to borrow/trade videos—all kinds, mainstream, porno, unusual, foreign, etc. Don't have car so prefer local, but if you don't mind driving here all are welcome. To respond, call ★★1762.

Women And Men Of Color

Considering parenthood? We are interested in forming a support group for people of color considering starting a family via donor insemination, adoption, etc. Let's get together and talk about it! Call ★★1763.

Wild About Nadja?

Do you like Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg? Are you going to her Nov. 1 concert at Davies Hall/SF? Group of single lesbians to celebrate/reverberate afterwards at nearby cafe. Interested? Call ★★1764.

Career Change "Buddy"

Wanted. I'm in the process of searching for meaningful work and am looking for someone in the same position to provide mutual support in the form of regular meetings and phone check-ins, "wishcraft" style. I'm 30, a lesbian, considering ecology, social work, the arts, live in Oakland. Looking for a lesbian, around my age, with somewhat similar interests. Call ★★1765.

Dykes And Dogs

I'd like to get a loose-knit group of women together who want to take weekend jaunts with our pooches in dog-friendly parks (either inside or outside the city). A time for us to stretch our legs and visit while the dogs romp. Call ★★1766.

Vagabond Wanted

Seeking adventurous, art-inclined lesbian or gay traveling companion for summer 1993 (August) trip to Europe. Spain? Greece? England? I'm open to suggestions. Age irrelevant. Easygoing, flexible, fun-loving individual more important. Respond if you think you'd like to go but think you can't afford it! Call ★★1767.

Japanese American Women

Seeking other Japanese American lesbian and bisexual women interested in exploring our cultural identities, especially those from families interned during WWII. Let's meet for support, friendship and activities. Call ★★1768.

Single Women In Recovery

Social group forming for 35+ lesbians in recovery. Join us for a brunch on Nov. 8 at 11 am to meet and plan other activities. Reply PO Box 460591, SF 94123 or call ★★1769.

Male Knitters

Meet biweekly in SF to knit & socialize. All levels welcomed—everything from beginners to would-be designers. Call ★★1770.

Breaking Up Sucks!

I'm a 25 y.o. lesbian-identified individual looking for other women who are going through or who have been through this horrible experience. Let's rebuild our self-esteem together & keep each other busy. Survivors only! Reply BT Box OC600B or call ★★1771.

I Know It's Only Rock 'N Roll

Tragically hip, terminally GWF, 33, poet/singer/guitar player seeks another of same ilk/era. Influences: life as an outsider, acoustic music, Harriet the spy and the moon. C'mon—ya just tell 'em ya can't sing and ya just play fer yerself. You're out of the closet, get out of the shower and jam. Wanna play/write/donate your talent to fate? Call ★★1772.

Let's Play A Few Rubbers

Of bridge, that is. Lesbian player—very out of practice—looking to start a friendly, not-too-serious, monthly game. With a little help I can get through a Blackwood, how about you? Let's get together and schmooze, bid, finesse, score above the line and all that bridge-type stuff. Women and men, queer, bi and trans welcome. Call ★★1773.

Sun Buddies

Damned cute GWM (32, 6'1", 170#, br/bl, moustache, NS), without tanline & determined to stay that way, seeks cohorts. (Spouse allergic to sun, yours too?) Also want recommendations/companions for weekday lunchtime sunning location(s), preferably rooftop or balcony between Transbay Terminal & Jackson Square Park. Reply BT Box OC601B or call ★★1774.

De Castro Sisters

We are a group of women living in or near the Castro who meet en masse once a month. Our objective is to provide a meeting ground for women over 40. We socialize at brunch, picnics, day trips, etc. We welcome singles and couples and especially women over 50. Call for info about our next gathering. Call ★★1775.

Howl At The Moon

I am a Black lesbian looking for other lesbians interested in celebrating the cycles of the moon, the equinoxes and solstices. No dogma, just a desire to drum or sing, meditate or share or whatever the full moon moves us to do. If you're interested in a monthly gathering of women for informal ritual, please call ★★1776.

Basketball Coach

Newly formed Women's C League team seeking coach. We're competitive, but prioritize having a good time. To date we've only been playing pick-up games; looking for more structure and direction. Call ★★1777.

Euchre Euchre Euchre

We are a group of lesbians and gay men who gather about once a month to play the game and who are in need of more dependable people to round out our foursomes. Scrumptious potlucks, scintillating company and lots of fun—follow suit and add your sparkling personality. Call ★★1778.

Bitter & Twisted

Every dyke we know (including us) has just gone through a breakup so there should be lots of single girls roaming around the streets of San Francisco. Where are all these newly single women? Let's meet! Join the ex-girlfriends club and be bitter and twisted in good company. Maybe you'll get tied up again, this time just for fun. Call ★★1779.

Lesbian Breakfast Club

For the SF 30something generation. Seeking out professional women with a great sense of humor, sense of fun, polite yet not snobby. Tried BACW but found it colder & less down-to-earth than I can handle. I'm a capitalist, but I'm much more. I'm single but concentrating on finding new friends. If you're in the same dilemma, let's meet & maybe start a breakfast club for the like-minded. Call ★★1780.

Let's Talk Relationship

What makes for quality dates, friends, partners? (Pro-)feminist Asian male, 31, seeks endearing conversations with persons experiencing the essences of cultivating relationships in authentic ways. We talk about what works: discover rhythm; communicate emotions, integrity; acknowledge risks; negotiate boundaries; share lessons; respect process; kindle com(passion); love self; embrace mystery; laugh, play, embody healing; practice safety; enrich sensuality; touch spirit; comfort loss; reciprocate generosity; illuminate connectedness. San Francisco. Call ★★1781.

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BISEXUAL

Heterosexual Lover

Wanted by attractive, masculine, in-shape, straight-appearance, 35 y.o., 155#, GBM. For discreet, casual, caring relationship. You: married, masculine, attractive, sensitive, in-shape, affectionate, white male. Call ★★1708.

Turn Me Inside Out

I'm a longtime, versatile, male top, bright as spit, looking to act out of my submissive, femme side with a bunch of folks, mostly girls, but maybe some boys, who'll give me reason to change my mind, rape me, fist me and take control of me inside and out, at least for the night. PO Box 170114, SF 94117 or call ★★1709.

Unconventional Request

Two intelligent, good-looking women (lovers) seek man (bisexual?) for unconventional relationship. Ultimate goal: baby, family and you involved. Likes: humor, intelligence, dark features (optional), good looks, kids (we have one already), 30-40 years old with boyish appearance. Dislikes: Bush, men who don't ask questions, smokers. Sincere letter and recent photo requested. Reply BT Box OC300B.

He Understands Me

I'm a cute M/Bi/Blk female, 5', 120#. I like bike riding, bowling, beaches and more. I'm looking for a cute, femme, bi or lesbian woman to share good times and fantasies. Race unimportant, but weight-proportioned women only please. So if you're daring enough for a good time, drop me a jingle or write. We'll meet for dinner and get to know each other. Reply BT Box OC301B or call ★★1710.

Hello To Good Bi

Attractive, trim, gay-identified male, early 40s, HIV-, seeks bisexual or lesbian-identified woman to explore our straight side. Attractiveness, intelligence, humor important. Possible co-parenting potential. Call ★★1711.

Dyke-Daddy

(By Susie Bright's reckoning), 25, seeks bi-woman, with or without girlfriend. Rendezvous with your girlfriend neither required nor eschewed. Some of my interests include: music (avid composer, player and listener), film, animation, cartoon art, politics, languages, linguistics, nature, the birds and the bees. If Kate Bush turns you on and George Bush makes you puke, write PO Box 9803, Oakland 94613 or call ★★1712. (P.S. Please no smokers.)

Spanking?

GWM, handsome, 5'7", 165 lbs., 49 y.o., cleanshaven, wants to experience light spanking and safe sex with HIV-, cleanshaven GM. Call ★★1713.

Santa Rosa—60 Miles North

Of San Francisco, two horny, 53-year-old, HIV-desire your oral pleasures on their stud bodies. No reciprocation. White, brn hair, eyes. Write M/W, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★1714.

BIWM Seeks Couple (M/F)

I'm 38 y.o., HIV- and safe. I've been in exclusively gay relationships for the past 10 years and I'm tired of choosing one gender over another. Have had wonderful relationships with women in the past and wish to re-experience that. I'm easygoing, non-competitive and warm-hearted. I'm seeking a relationship with both a man and a woman with similar qualities. Call ★★1715.

Hungry Mouths Wanted In Santa Rosa

By two horny, 53-yr-old GWM, HIV-. If you like to give oral pleasures in Santa Rosa only, write: M/W, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★1716.

Let's Play

BiWM activist with no time for relationships seeks BiF or BiM or bi-friendly others for hanging out and safer sex playing around. Race unimportant. Let's experiment and play. Call ★★1717.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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AFTER THEIR FAILED COUP IN THE STORY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THIS COMIC STRIP, OUR CHARACTERS DUTIFULLY RESUME THEIR TALE.
ONE MORNING BEFORE MADWIMMIN BOOKS OPENS ITS DOORS...
WELCOME TO THE OVER 30'S CLUB, LOIS.
THERE'S NO MORE DENYING IT, LOIS. I HAD GINGER CHECK YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.
OH, VERY CLEVER, J. EDGAR.
OFFICE
MCCUTCHIN'S BAGELS
CHEER UP, LOIS. YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HIT YOUR SEXUAL PEAK YET.
THERE'S THAT.
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT'S UNDERNEATH THIS DREAD OF AGING, LOIS?
YEAH... IT COULD JUST BE PANIC THAT YOUR LIFE IS ALMOST HALF OVER AND YOU HAVEN'T ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING YET! OR PERHAPS IT'S SIMPLY GARDEN-VARIETY TERROR AT YOUR OWN ENCROACHING DEMISE!
NAH, NONE OF THAT. IT'S... IT'S JUST THAT THINGS ARE CHANGING SO FAST!
ONE DAY DENTAL DAMS ARE DE RIGEUR. THE NEXT I FIND OUT THEY'RE "SEX NEGATIVE." WHILE I'M TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER TO GET MY NOSE LABIA BECOMES THE THING TO DO. I TELL YA, I CAN'T KEEP UP ANY MORE!
I KNOW THAT FEELING. WHEN I OPENED THIS STORE 15 YEARS AGO, I CARRIED THREE DOZEN LESBIAN TITLES. NOW WE HAVE NEARLY A THOUSAND. THERE'S BARELY TIME TO ORDER 'EM, LET ALONE READ ANYTHING. YEAH... I USED TO FEEL LIKE I WAS RIDING THE WAVE... BUT NOW I'M JUST FLOUNDERING IN THE SURF.
SOME DAYS I GET SO FRIED FROM TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH ALL THE NEW MAGAZINES AND MUSIC AND VIDEOS AND CATALOGS WE GET HERE, I JUST WANNA GO HOME AND WATCH STRAIGHT PEOPLE ON TV. BUT NOOO! THERE'S FAGS & DYKES ON ALL THE TALKSHOWS AND HALF THE SIT-COMS!
CBS INTERVIEWING QUEER COPS, ABC INVESTIGATING 'LESBIAN VISIBILITY'...
JEEZ, WE'RE VISIBLE NOW?
WELL, THAT IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR. BUT I KIND OF MISS THE DAYS WHEN OUR CULTURE WAS SMALL AND MANAGEABLE AND WE HAD IT ALL TO OURSELVES.
YEAH. NOW IT'S LIKE A BIG, OBSTREPEROUS TEENAGER MAKING A NUISANCE DOWN AT THE MALL.
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Beach-Surfer Boy

Bisexual man seeks relationship with bisexual woman or girlfriends, 25-40, career oriented, in-shape, caring, affectionate woman wanted. I: 32, 5′8″, blond, blue eyes, muscular body, cute beach boy looks, into surfing, dancing, beach times, dining out and just having a great time in life. If that's you, call soon. PO Box 1753, El Granada 94018 or call ★★1718.

Slave Dog Surrender

30s, bi, bubble butt, slim, sexy, sensuous male suck slave seeks femme dykes, bi girls and team tops for passion, penetration & pain. I'm a femme fetishist, surreal, submissive & very experienced seeking sublime drag doll slave dog surrender i.e., gang bangs, body worship, little girl, whore, pain parties. You: bitch goddesses seeking servile sex slut to use & abuse. Real, aware & deadly serious. Call ★★1719.

Sonoma County

Handsome, 42, HIV-, Polish American, has consistently dated bisexual men in last 3 yrs. I'm 6′1″, 175 lbs., professional. Prefer 25-45, shy, discreet men w/thick thighs & thick fingers. No jewelry, no addicts, no cheap shoes please. I'm easy to get along with—very safe. You bring jockey shorts & I've got good moves (movies). Box 2538, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★1720.

A Girlfriend And A Boyfriend?!?

Ever felt you really need both? Well, you might have stumbled just into the right place! If you are a bisexual woman, now you have the opportunity to explore your heart's true desire in a playful, nonthreatening way with an affectionate, creative female/male couple around 30, with interests in hiking, gardening, the arts, etc. Check us out! A balanced triadic relationship may not be the most easily accomplished task, but most worthwhile things in life aren't. Call ★★1721.

Vote For Change!

You want change in politics, but stick to traditional models in relationships? Change begins with our own lifestyles! For instance, are you a woman who fantasizes about loving both women and men, but only acts along the traditional dogma: "relationship equals 2 people"? Dare to challenge tradition with two very affectionate, playful mavericks: WF, 33, and WM, 28. We enjoy creativity, honesty, the outdoors, massage and much more. Explore change with us! Call ★★1722.

Special

Untamed spirit looking to connect with HIV-man/woman to dance, sing, soar and smile. Gentle heart, strong will, adventuresome, healthy & passionate. My dream is to create family in love and harmony, where we are the center of each other's lives. Respond only if you are willing to begin living out your fantasy of close, intimate connections, life-long friendships, robust sexuality, moderation, art and happiness. WM, 44. Call ★★1723.

A Brain, A Heart, Th' Nerve

Seeking adventures involving all 3 with another queer soul (M or F, 25-35) who is tall, creative, independent, smart, silly, communicative, and not a bottom. I'm a tall, charming, androgynous, bi woman with many talents, an original mind, and a sense of the absurd. I'm excited by wrestling, real conversation, artistic passion, strength, honesty, bondage, good books, good vibrations, genderfuck and whipped cream. It ain't Kansas. Reply BT Box OC302B or call ★★1724.

Seek Blk Friend

Italian, mature, bi, 5′8″, 140 lbs., fit, healthy, seeks mature or sr Blk friend. Call ★★1726.

TRANS

Crossdresser Wants Super Man

I'm a sexy, young, Democrat, Black, feminine-bottom, role-playing, crossdresser. I'm HIV+. I smoke cigs and drink booze. I like good times and witty conversation. I'm hunting a charming superman to sweep me off my feet. He should be butch, over 7 ft. tall, all muscle, Caucasian, a Democrat, successful, drop dead gorgeous and Prince Charming. No father figures or white trash. Your call gets mine. Call ★★1736.

Only My Own Men!

Me: Full-time, FTM, pre-op, Latino, handsome, vegetarian, funny. You: Reads ad thoroughly! Must be pre-, post-op FTM of color! Foreign-born a plus. Us: Platonic or otherwise. Self-loving, self-respecting, punctual, reliable, health-conscious, communicative, intelligent, with common sense. Foreign films, literature, KPFA, world musics, bebop, rap, dancing, camping (both kinds). No: Desperates, 12-steppers, smokers, drugs, alcohol, arrogant "admirers," "explorers." Call ★★1737.

MEN

Attractive Asian

Seeks a clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV- GWM for friendship and safe sexual encounters. No strings attached. I'm healthy, athletic, nonsmoker, 34, HIV-, caring and horny. I'm also sincere and discreet. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 283057, SF 94128-3037 or call ★★1786.

Daytime Escapade

Handsome Asian, 32. Athletic, clean, HIV-, would like to meet a healthy, HIV-, nonsmoker, GWM for hot daytime safe sex affair. Married or bi a plus. Please reply to Boxholder, PO Box 347325, SF 94134 or call ★★1787.

Waiting For The Sun

Tall, athletic, prof. GWM, 33, HIV-, not into bar scene, seeks slender relationship-oriented counterpart, 28-40, to share quiet nights at home, fine dining, uninhibited exploration. Latin types a plus. Reply BT Box OC70B or call ★★1788.

Sincere And Caring

Slim GM, 28, 5′8″, 145 lbs., black hair and brown eyes, handsome, college educated, seeks GM, 25-35 years, attractive, bright, healthy mind/spirit, 5′8″ or above, in good shape. Trust, mutual respect, similar values/interests are important. I value: intellectual/emotional/spiritual growth and maturity; love; friendship; community. My interests: theater, music, entertaining friends. Call ★★1789.

Sharks Fan Wanted

Professional, financially stable, GWM, 49, HIV-, looking for straight-acting, financially secure GWM to go to hockey games. I have the tickets. You are 25-45, a bottom, non-drug user, spiritual, into beach, scuba, travel, theater, quiet nights together, homebody who likes cuddling, mild bondage and to laugh. Call ★★1790.

Grizzly Adams Family

Masculine but affectionate Grizzly Adams, bearded type daddy, HIV-, baby beer belly, straight-acting, sports fan, seeks younger cubs to cuddle, domesticate, teach safe sex in the woods. Live in South Bay but will travel for the right cubbie. Photo and phone to PO Box 722, Campbell, CA 95009, for immediate response or call ★★1791.

Monogamous And Muscular

Sincere, romantic guy into working out, cooking, film, TV, art, theater, dancing, night life, gay events, Democrats, fashion, 501s, bodyworship, tit-play & J/O. I'm a smooth, muscular Asian, 5′7″, 150#, 40c, 30w, 14a, great legs, average facial looks, moustache, HIV-. No smokers, drugs. If you're relationship-oriented, gym-tcned, similar interests, around 39, w/avg facial looks, call ★★1792.

Feathers

White, hairy, attractive and articulate man interested in getting together with men who enjoy licking, sucking, tickling bare feet and other sensitive spots. Long sessions in front of a fireplace, massage, cuddling and sensuously exploring each other's "hot spots" make a perfect evening. J/O with feet in face, watching toes wiggle and jerk drives me nuts! C'mon, write. I'm warm, sensual, sane, safe and single. Reply BT Box OC71B.

Walk A Different Path

Shy GWM seeks quality friendship with non-white GM. I find adventure in foreign travel instead of bars; pursue life, not just lust; value the inner being over appearance; and cherish companionship—not meaningless one-nighters. At 42, I'm stable and sincere, blond/blue, 5′6″, 160#, HIV+, healthy and active. I hope a masculine guy with similar characteristics desires a more meaningful life in a bi-racial relationship. Call ★★1793.

Masculine Man Sought

This interesting and very good-looking WM, 38, seeks a handsome, masculine man, 33-43, for relationship and great sex. Prefer confident, professional, open-minded, somewhat offbeat, dark and/or hairy. I'm 5′10″, cleanshaven, medium-length hair, firm body. Interested in having my submissive side explored by the right man (possibly into role-playing and discipline). Call ★★1794.

Flawed Warrior Seeking Romance

Handsome WM, big heart, twisted mind, young 40s, 5′8″, 135, lean and hot, versatile/top, strong discipline (meditation, martial arts), equally self-indulgent (coffee, wine), generally happy, want a good-humored boyfriend. You're probably 30-40, cute, fit (not buffed), cleanshaven, affectionate, bright, asymptomatic HIV+ (me too), have a life, want a cohort, leery of answering an ad and meeting a toad (me too). Reply BT Box OC72B or call ★★1795.

We Deserve The Best

I am a highly educated, successful, GWM professional who is handsome, HIV-, very youthful 45, 5′10″ and muscular. My interests include symphony and opera, benching 200 lbs. during my intense workouts, skiing in Aspen, savoring the beauty of a Pacific sunset, playing Mozart sonatas on my Steinway and preparing delicious meals for my friends! I offer enthusiasm, a great sense of humor as well as the desire to develop a long-term relationship with a 25 y.o.-plus, very muscular man who shares similar values and aspirations. Take a chance! Reply BT Box OC73B or call ★★1796.

Loving Interest

GWM, 25, recently moved from Palm Springs area, seeks a man who wants to be loved and have a relationship with. Me: 25, 5′11″, 150 lbs., good-looking and I enjoy all aspects of life. You: 18-35, cute, cleanshaven, HIV-. Take time and write me, we can do dinner or exchange photos or ? Reply BT Box OC74B.

Bottom To Top

Good-looking Asian American, 30s, 5′7″, 140 lbs., masculine, discreet, athletic, smooth, HIV+ asymptomatic, very healthy and passionate bottom looking for GWM/Latin, 30-45, masculine, discreet, athletic, HIV+, healthy, hairy, hung, top only for safe fun, friendship and possibly more. Please leave name and number. Call ★★1797.

Marin-Sonoma-Napa

Tall, dark, very attractive, fit, HIV-, Sonoma Co., GWM, 40 yrs. old, would appreciate the opportunity to meet other North Bay GWM, 25-45, to date, explore relationship possibilities. Love to cook and dine and have a passion for wine. Travel to Europe, Hawaii, but prefer to have a companion for the next trip. Many and varied interests, enthusiastic and humorous. For further details, call ★★1798.

Sex, Sizzle And Pop

Dard island man, 30 yrs. old, 5′5″, 118 lbs., bottom, looking for kinky, hot-minded tops, with wild or old-fashioned ideas about fucking, sucking or anything else sexual. Call ★★1799.

"Just A Regular Guy"

Handsome GAM, HIV-, safe, versatile, ⅓ Fil/Span/Jap & Hawaiian, 29 yrs. old, 5′8″, 140 lbs., blk hair/brown eyes, masculine, sincere & educated, seeking down-to-earth type of guys for friends & ? Me: NS, light drinker, enjoy the arts, theater, ballet, camping, biking, music, dining out & dancing, love to go for long drives. Photo a must, will return. Reply to J.R., PO Box 6351, Concord 94520.

Bearded, Hairy-Chested, Soft-Spoken And Kind

Handsome, articulate, Nicolas II look-alike (39, 5′9″, 175#, HIV+, beard, bubble butt), progressive scholar/writer/swimmer, seeks sexual and spiritual connection with beefy, bearded, available man, 28-45. You're affectionate, down-to-earth, sociable, educated, adventurous, alive to the world's possibilities. We enjoy city and country, movies, music, books, hiking, other mutual interests, lovemaking, occasional rough stuff. Write with photo: PO Box 14785, SF 94114 or call ★★1800.

Romantic But Realistic

45, WM, HIV+, 6′, 185, smooth, moustache, looking for employed, healthy, HIV+, who is hairy, bearded and hungry for a passionate, no-holds-barred affair with a versatile madman who likes it all—safely—with moderate vices. Folsom-oriented, prefers men 45+—not into boys. Kinky scenes considered, but passion and humanity first. Let's connect for the fall. Older men get high priority. Crazy for gray beards. Call ★★1801.

Available Good Catch

Handsome, clean-cut, prof. GWM, lt brown hair, green eyes, 6′, 155 lbs., late 40s (look 30s), wants to meet equally youthful but mature GWM to share an active and balanced life. I want a monogamous relationship with cultural, outdoor and home activities. I am financially secure, love my work and value my sense of humor, sensitivity and honesty. I love books, film, theater, ideas, travel, home, health and friends. Hopefully, you'll have a slim to average build, average endowment and be an HIV- nonsmoker like me. Pleasant, attractive looks are a plus. I like to share the responsibilities of lovemaking. Please reply BT Box OC75B or call ★★1802. Photo appreciated and returned with mine.

Wonderful, Charming...

... GWM, in search of lifelong love. Living in rural, scenic mountains of Northern California makes it a bit difficult to meet Mr. Right. (For God's sake, my best friend is a woman!) Professional, financially secure, 39-year-old, vegetarian skeptic. I'm a quiet radical, into cuddling & movies, long talks & good wine, music & cross-country skiing & so much more. I bring the energy of the city to the solitude of the country. My best friends are my family. I'm looking for my equal. No smokers, thank you. Reply BT Box OC76B.

I'm Not Asking For Much

A house, a dog, a fire, and a lover at my side. Maybe you can help? If you are seeking a long-term relationship, this bright and sincere, brown-eyed professional is just the marrying kind. He's an attractive, 34-year-old, 5′10″, 180 lbs., with a muscular build, very affectionate and waiting to fall head over heels in love with a cute, dark-haired, dark-skinned (Latin?) young guy with a medium to slender build, who's ready to share his life with someone else. Call ★★1803.

Flex Your Muscles

WM, 5′6″, 155 lbs., seeks muscular guy of any size into pumping up, oil, mirrors, posing and being admired. Like defined, baseball biceps, pecs, veins, hot legs, armpits. Especially seek Asian bodybuilder into showing off his physique. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★1804.

Romance

GWM, handsome, slender, gym-toned, 5′5″, brn eyes, brn hair, HIV+ healthy bottom. 40, look much younger. Self-employed. Eclectic interests: horseback riding, equestrian events, beach, dining out, movies, wine country, KBLX, concerts. Comfortable in jeans or a tux. You: masculine, 35-50, well-built top, good sense of humor with similar interests. You might be a daddy type. Sensitive cuddlers, good kissers a plus. Your letter & photo gets mine. LTR possible—Bay Area or Sonoma County. Reply BT Box OC77B.

In Search Of... Asian

GWM seeks slim, clean-shaven gay Asian under 45 for friendship, companionship, hopefully more. You should be loving, kind, caring, sincere, honest, healthy person as I am. I'm 6′, 180#, 30s, bright hazel eyes, soft brown hair. Currently live in Virginia but don't let that stop you as I would happily relocate for the right person. Please send photo with detailed letter to BT Box OC78B or phone ★★1805.

Cynical Romantic

Handsome GWM, 6′2″, 190 lbs., 39, blnd, blue, bottom, good shape, healthy, HIV+, artist, Aquarian, left-wing politically, environmentally conscious, love to read, movies, theater, conversation, sitting in cafes. Looking for a friend and/or lover if that develops. I am equally attracted to tattoos & piercings as to someone in a 3-piece suit, if the mind is open and flexible. I prefer someone 28-45, GWM in good shape, nonsmoker, top, attractive, honest. Send photo if possible. Reply BT Box OC79B or call ★★1806.

Handsome Hot Top

Seeks lean/hunky bottom for afternoon/early evening delight. I'm a GWM, 5′9″, 155 lbs., brown hair/eyes, cleanshaven, great smile, good bod (slightly chunky), beautiful cock (I've been told), HIV+. Not seeking romance, just a little safe fun. Send photo (xerox OK) and phone to Boxholder, 601 Van Ness Ave., Box E3-720, SF 94102.

Independent And Ready To Commit

GWM, lt 40s, fit mtn biker, hiker, community committed and involved; soc, pol, environ-aware and conversant; reader of the range of ideas, indep. with willingness to commit to the other half. You: GM, 45+, fit, any race, and intolerant of idle chit chat. We are discreet about our lifestyle and are actively committed to human and natural rights. Call ★★1807.

Stable-Tender-Romantic

Mature GWM, 52, 155#, 5′11″, gray-blue, HIV-. I am caring, dynamic, energetic, sincere, vibrant. You: healthy, HIV-, affectionate, weight in proportion to height, bottom or versatile, willing to commit time, patience and energy to build a lifetime friendship/relationship. You photo gets mine. D.P., PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★1808.

First & Early Timers

GWM, 48, attractive, in-shape, educated, patient, experienced, seeks men who are first or early timers. You are 45+, attractive, in-shape, educated, open-minded, relaxed. We are discreet. Call ★★1809.

GAM Seeks Older

Asian, mid-40s, 5′7″, slim, nonsmoker/drinker, affectionate, honest, warm, with quiet lifestyle, enjoys movies, gardening, walking, traveling. I am looking for a 50+ GWM to share same interests and possibly leading to a caring and intimate relationship. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply BT Box OC80B.

Couple Seeks Adventure

Two GWMs, 36 & 42 y.o., 130 & 140 lbs., both 5′7″, attractive, w/moustaches, 7″, muscular, HIV+, are seeking other men/couples for hot, safe fun & friendship. If a sensual man-to-man-to-man encounter appeals to you please write: Boxholder, PO Box 426824, SF 94142 or call ★★1810. Photo requested & returned.

So Marry Me Already!

This GWM, 31, 5′10″, 140, br/gr, cleanshaven, HIV+, self-employed professional is ready to settle down. Mr. Right is similar to me physically and enjoys parks, beaches, art, movies, progressive music, DPN, dinners out, weekends away, and quiet nights in. He's emotionally secure, has an absurd sense of humor, enjoys exploring the unknown, is politically conscious, and is chemical-free. He must be a romantic, likes being on top, and is just kinky enough to keep things interesting. If this is you, what are you waiting for? Call me! Call ★★1811.

Affection Trained

I'm spunky in all positions, but my smooth, slenderly muscled 6′3″, 165 lb., 38 y.o. body is where to start taming me when my abstract, inventive, imagination grabs control of my head and mouth. That's when your studly, potent body caringly, assertively wraps me in your comforting hug, charms me if not wrestles me to attentive receptivity, whereupon I invite your safely enveloped manhood to its natural habitats—to your and my feisty, loving satisfaction. Call ★★1812.

It's So Hard...

To find good friends. GWM, 34, seeks GWMs, similar age for honest, sincere, fun, platonic friendships and help in relocating to SF from Atlanta in near future. Me: attractive, blond/blue, moustache, trim beard, 6′, 170 lbs., travel, walking, hiking, beach. Nonsmokers preferred; no drugs a must (social drinking okay). Reply BT Box OC81B or call ★★1813.

Best Of Both Worlds

45 y.o. WM, 5′10″, 150 lbs., br/br, very hairy, hot, hung, vers., but also very well-educated, with a multitude of both intellectual and outdoor activities. Travel extensively here & abroad. Hikes, camping, opera, boats, trains, dogs, politics, history—you name it. Economically independent with a great deal of free time/flexibility. HIV+, very healthy. Looking for friends/lover to share my active life. Reply BT Box OC82B or call ★★1814.

Heart And Soul

Physically active, trim, professional, Asian, 44, 5′9″, seeks a similar gym-toned, cleanshaven, altruistic WM for sharing eclectic experiences and being an adventurous companion. We enjoy ethnic foods, cultural arts, travel, camping, gardening, films, sports, workouts and humorous to intellectual conversations. With sincerity and sensitivity, we are capable of developing a relationship through mutual bonding based on our masculinity and maturity. Respond to PO Box 27042, SF 94127 or call ★★1815.

Faure's A Jolly Good Fellow

As are Verdi, Puccini and the Strausses. Music/people lover, a lithe youth at 60, searches for friends of similar ilk. I am of Russian/Jewish background, 5′11″, 155, wavy gr/bl hair, hazel eyes, 9½″. Are you orally articulate as well as manipulative? If affirmative, let's tango. Smoker/drinker, healthy. East Bay replies please from slim, attractive, gentle men. Shalom. Reply BT Box OC83B or call ★★1816.

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The Algebra Of Need

... May be the title of my new film. It is also an expression penned by William Burroughs, my hero. Smart, quirky, good-looking, 44-yr-old filmmaker seeks unconventional, alternative-type counterpart. Strangely attracted to youth, but no one rejected for greater experience on the planet. Artistic, bent, counter-cultural affiliation, Stars of David encouraged. Call ★★1817.

Cross-Dresser Wants Super Man

I'm a sexy, young, Democrat, Black, feminine, bottom, role-playing cross-dresser. I'm HIV+. I smoke cigs and drink booze. I like good times and witty conversation. I'm hunting a charming super man to sweep me off my feet. He should be butch, over 7 ft. tall, all muscle, Caucasian, a Democrat, successful, drop dead gorgeous and Prince Charming. No father figures or white trash. Your call gets mine. Call ★★1818.

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Masculine, short trimmed beard, good-looking, salt-and-pepper hair, 36, 5'11", uncut, HIV-, totally oral, moustache fetish, 260#, not a barfly, spiritual, good-looking, WASP, various interests, simple lifestyle, funny, stable, mature, average hung, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Seeking masculine man to 30 who is a nonsmoker, non-druggie, interesting, HIV-, oral sex top, looking for lover/steady trick/friend and has facial hair. Boxholder, PO Box 421331, SF 94142 or call ★★1819.

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Me: masculine, short trimmed beard, good-looking, salt-and-pepper hair, 36, 5'11", uncut, HIV-, totally oral, moustache fetish, 260#, not a barfly, spiritual, intelligent, good-looking, WASP, various interests include computers/sci fi/Sunday comics, simple lifestyle, funny, stable, mature, average hung, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. I'm not a saint or a GQ model, but I'm real. You: masculine, together, tired of the bullshit, 18-45, nonsmoker, HIV-. Boxholder, PO Box 421331, SF 94142 or call ★★1820.

Cum On My Chest!

Let me suck your balls and beg while you get off. I'm masculine, short trimmed beard, good-looking, salt-and-pepper hair, 36, 5'11", uncut, HIV-, totally safe sex bottom, 260#, good-looking, WASP, mature, average hung. You: masculine, together, tired of the bullshit, 18-45, nonsmoker, HIV-, married and bi okay. Hairy and Latin/Latino a+. Relationship, friendship and suck buddy all possible. Boxholder, PO Box 421331, SF 94142 or call ★★1821.

Seeking Menage A Trois

Handsome, active and self-supporting GWM, 44, 6'2", 190#, HIV-, looking for couple to form a sharing, supportive, committed and sexual relationship. I have br/bl, average build, hair (head, body and face), well-hung and enjoy top as well as bottom. I lead a healthy lifestyle, love the outdoors and am 95 percent vegetarian. Not into religion but maintain a personal spirituality of honesty, integrity and positive thinking. I enjoy: nature, bicycling, beaches, sensuality, ocean swimming, weekend drives, organization, Hawaii, walking, all night sex, movies, hair, San Diego, versatility, cooking and most music (except classical). I am even-tempered and not afraid to communicate. I'm not looking for any specific type as we will know if we are right for each other when we meet. I am also willing to relocate for the right couple. Please respond with letter and picture (all photos will be returned). Reply BT Box OC84B.

32 y.o. educated GWM, 6'2", 165 lbs., br/br, is ready to settle down. I am an intelligent person with a sense of humor. I am looking for a man with similar qualities who would like to explore life's possibilities. I enjoy movies, theater, music, long walks and romance. Interested? Call ★★1822.

Never Had A Chinese Boyfriend? Or Maybe Just Once?

This attractive, trim Chinese is looking for you. He is in his early 30s (look much younger), has nice features and smooth body. He is a little shy, but very sweet and passionate. You are handsome (or cute), white, under 40, cleanshaven, elegant, well-groomed. You are health-oriented, educated, professional and very affectionate. Call ★★1823.

Visit Sonoma

Get out of The City and into the country with a masculine, sensitive and intelligent GWM. I'm late 30s, 5'8", 140 and like beaches, bikes, bumming around. Looking for a friendly, smart and attractive man to pal around with—safely of course! Activists, artists, bikers, cooks, filmmakers, gardeners, healers, nonconforming hedonists and writers around my age are especially welcome. Smokers, boozers, unhealthy types just bother me. Reply BT Box OC85B.

I Don't Want Much...

Just someone similar to me, but maybe beefier. You're naturally masculine, intelligent, reasonably attractive, demonstrative, have a good sense of humor, and aren't pretentious. But, meeting isn't easy because we're not into the gay scene. Interests I enjoy are music, gym (body under construction), 49ers, eating out, movies, videos, computers. And, I love chatting... whether it's about politics, TV (Simpsons, ST:TNG) or films. I'm 39, 5'8", 150#, clean-cut, professional guy, HIV-, no tobacco or drugs. Interested? Call ★★1824.

Marin Bear

Very long and wet kisses, playful eager tongue, cuddling for the weekend, sensual hibernation offered by responsible/honest WM, 38 yrs, 6', 245 lbs., nonsmoker, HIV-, w/irreverent sense of humor and strong sense of reality. Seeks stable/honest, non-addicted WM for fun and passionate adventures and more. PO Box 269, Mill Valley 94942 or call ★★1825.

Upscale

Mendocino by car, London by plane. Handsome, very successful, GWM professional wants to share upscale lifestyle with GM, college-educated, under 45, HIV- and cleanshaven. If my age and sexual preferences are important please look at another ad. Write: PO Box 471552, SF 94147 or call ★★1826.

Sensitive Beauty

Seeking one like me who's extremely good-looking, straight-acting, a bit shy at first, doesn't like bars, desirous of sincere, intense relationship with unusual WM. More comfortable starting slow but can get wild with the right guy. Love food, wine, Europe, sexy eyes, family connections, both coasts. Musts are: integrity, vulnerability, an active mind. Cute butt a plus. Respond with photo (returned with my own) to PO Box 20933, Oakland 94620.

Great Expectations

Handsome, professional man, 40, 6', 190, hiker, gym-goer. Brown hair, blue eyes, broad shoulders. Stable, loving, funny, unpretentious, numerous interests (outdoors, theater, backroads, Jewish mysticism, comic books, volunteer work, etc.) seeks handsome or cute guy, 20-32, educated, affectionate, good communicator, reasonably butch, HIV-. Optional points for slightly husky, therapy or similar experience, nice laugh. Aim: friendship and romance—not instant sex, but not instant marriage either. Call ★★1827.

Today, Tomorrow And Always

Today let's play; tomorrow strengthen kinship; always is forever. We're intelligent, cheerful professionals, very oral, world-class kissers, love nipple work, affectionate, creative. You're probably over 35, less than 5'10", with a moustache—or not. I'm 40s, 5'9", 158, Nordic blond, smoker, HIV+. Seeking that elusive forever relationship, starting as sex buddies/friends because we're too sensible to "fall in love with love." Let's try it, once or a lifetime. Call ★★1828.

Body And Soul?

Asian, Latin or ?, 20-35; good-looking and good-natured, ethnic food, Falcon video—but also seeking more serious Partner or just friends; music (pop, jazz, etc., etc.), philosophy, Kierkegaard, moderate-independent Christian or ?, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Chaplin, Newhart, the Far Side, Limbaugh, erotica, no heavy bar scene... I'm WM, 29, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, called good-looking. Letter & photo to: J.S., 41 Sutter, #1565, SF 94104 or call ★★1829.

Good-Natured, Hairy, HIV+ Tops

Looking for very hairy, in-shape, sensitive, warm, very masculine, athletic, loving man, 30s, NS, weight to height. 6', beards, fair hair pluses. Likes: old cars, carpentry, gardening, art, film, being in nature, skiing, tennis, rollerblades and intimacy. I'm handsome, in-shape, GBM, 30, hung, 5'10", 140#, healthy seeks friendship/companionship, sharing, sunshine, rain, warm nights and fun days. Know this all comes from effort, communication and understanding. Call ★★1830.

Looking For Someone To Hold

On cold, dark nights we can keep each other warm and safe. Good-looking Asian American, 28, 5'10", 169 lbs., well-built and HIV-, seeks men of color (especially Asian), 22-35 years old, in-shape to chunky, and HIV- for friendship and cozy times together. Call ★★1832.

Why Settle For The Moon When You Can Have The Stars?

GWM, funny, irreverent, 40, well-built, Gold's regular, frequent B.B. Jane viewer, rough around the edges, but a gentle heart, finding myself confused by all this. Wonder if you're there or are you a dream? Top, well-built, substance in mind and body, a tender heart, age ?, someone to purr next to as he holds me in his arms. Call ★★1834.

Tie Me, Spank Me

I'm WM, 27, 6'2", 180, athletic and good-looking, basically straight except for desire of being disciplined by an older, dominant person or people. Restrain by wrists/ankles and whatever else so I'm completely exposed and helpless. Then, spank my ass and explore my body. I like oils and you can shave my ass soft and clean. Safe only. No sex. Call ★★1835.

Very Hot Encounters

WM, 44, 5'10", 170, hairy chest, moustache, fit, HIV-, seeks arranged hours long encounters with imaginative, horny men of all races. Lots of stamina. Spanking, bondage, WS, etc. Safe and limits respected. Call ★★1836.

Tall, Dark & Italian

American-born, attractive, 6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, moustache & hairy chest, masculine & straight-appearing. Young-looking 40s, healthy HIV+, successful, happy, outgoing, fun-loving & romantic. Interested in gardening, carpentry, outdoors, traveling, dining out, wine tasting, contemporary music, movies & much more. Moderate drinker & smoker. Seeking a slim, quality man with good outlook on life. Reply: 1547 Palos Verdes Mall, #170, Walnut Creek 94596-2228 or call ★★1837.

Latin

Very handsome, very built, masculine, straight-acting man, 29, 5'10", 165, serious gym person, fitness person, visiting area monthly, looking to meet men (similar age and type), looking to meet masculine, basic, not affected gay men. Masculine, white, very physically fit men preferred. Call ★★1838.

C/W-Leather

Do you lead 2-step? Do you do the leather look? Know how to work it? Secure enough to encourage another man to look/feel his best? Shy, self-conscious, clean/sober, GWM, 40, trim, 'stache, unsure of his potential, seeks buddy for advice, encouragement, support to do leather, western, workout wear, do it well, have fun together. Sex not required. Understanding, patience are. Call ★★1839.

Seeks Substance

Tall, attractive, trim, 42, HIV-, politically active, professionally successful, movie buff, hiker, a bit preppy, a bit quirky, values quick wit, intelligent, social consciousness, emotional honesty. Seeks same, but a bit shorter and younger would be nice. Photo exchange a must—let's get appearance issues over first, then see if there's a rapport and similarity of values. Send photo to PO Box 423512, SF 94142 or call ★★1840.

Wanted: Someone To Love With

Someone to fuck with; someone to go through thick and thin with; by 46-yr-old, bl, long bl, sexual, sensitive, masculine, 5'7", 160, larger than average, versatile, HIV+, rurally settled, liking to travel, and looking good. How about building a pond together as our first project, then Europe for a while? Send photo (returned) and letter and perhaps we'll have each other by a campfire with cold beer and smoke some night. Reply BT Box OC86B or call ★★1841.

I'm Hairy, Husky & Humorous

GWM, 37, balding with thick moustache, who enjoys bicycling, walks, romance, versatile safe sex, etc. Seeks attractive, boyish-looking guy, 20 to 30, who likes simple pleasures & not into bars. I'm 5'9", 190 lbs., HIV- and looking for a possible relationship. Call ★★1842.

Inner Beauty Essential

Caring, classical musician/teacher, "INFP" artist-type, healthy mind/body, seeks devoted partner who listens to his inner spirit and can reciprocate high ideals. Important: friendship first, HIV-, thoughtful, integrity, aware, adaptable, intuitive, healthy, secure, compassionate, unconditional, non-egocentric, balance, love of self/others/beauty, philosophical, young at heart, spontaneous. Enjoy: talking, psychology, shared experiences, music(-making), dining, animals, walks, quiet times, writing, exploring. GWM, young 44, 123#. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★1843.

Let's Fall In Love

I'm affectionate, romantic, handsome, sensitive, masculine, looking for the same who's a top. Some interests are bowling, going to movies, the outdoors, weekend getaways or just spending a nice, quiet, romantic evening with you. Remember how it was to be in love. Well, let's do it right this time! Send photo/letter to M.A., 60 Lamartine St., SF 94112 or call ★★1844.

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remember. His body unclad is like a sculpture, though proud, he is not conceited. He is intelligent in mind, and a great personality to boot. His spirit soars, to shine as bright as Orion. Once those amorous feelings are aroused, there is no limit to his passions. He strives to maintain some balance in his life, but sometimes tips the scales. Hopefully, this describes you, as well as it does me. I am 6′, 190 lbs., dark blond hair, green eyes, currently sporting a goatee/'stache/'burns. Young 30s, handsome face, sexy, hairy body, well-developed physique. All this and fun, too. Men, are we not more than likes and dislikes? Call ★★1845.

Encounter Of A Wonderful Kind

Attractive, charming GAM (age 22, 5′7″, 132 lbs.) seeks attractive, loving GWM (age 26-35, 5′6″-5′11″) to start friendship that catalyzes a long-term, devoted relationship. I'm intelligent, conversant, wholesome, kind and humorous. You're honest, well-educated, goal-oriented and communicative. You lead a wholesome (NS, ND), comfortable life. I'm attracted to a clean-shaven, clean-cut look and a well-proportioned body. I enjoy reading, classical music, good conversation, all things beautiful (nature, art...). Let's explore our lives together! Send words & photo (a must, returnable). Reply BT Box OC87B or call ★★1846.

Z To A

Zealous, yeomanly, xylophonic, wrestler, wrangler, workouts, Waspy, washboard abs, voice (deep), versatile, veins, university education, underwear, uncommon, unaffected, two-stepping, trim, triceps, traveler, traps, topman, tongue, tight, thumbs, thirties, thighs, teeth, stud, sports, Southern (exposure), socks, size elevens, 69, six foot, sideburns, shoulders, sexual, sensual, sensitive, Scorpio, safe, romantic, ripped, relationship, rebel, quads, positive, physical, pecs, passionate, outdoorsman, oral, 190 lbs., obliques, nose, neck, natural, moustache, music, muscles, mouth, masculine, manly scent, lustful, lover, looks, lips, knees, kisser, jock, intense, intellect, hunk, hung, hot, horseman, hiker, heart, head, hard, handsome, hands, hamstrings, hairy body, hair, green (eyes), goatee, gluts, fun, foxy, forearms, flexible, flex, fingers, feet, face, eyes, erotic, entertainment, ears, dude, dog lover, delts, crotch, country, cocky, clubs, chin, chest, cheeks, calves, buns, buffed, bubblebutt, buns, bottom, body, blond, biker, big balls, biceps, beefcake, beachbum look, armpits, affectionate, above average. Are "U" confident? Call ★★1847.

Irresistible Urge

To share honest, intimate relations w/one wonderful man—be friends, companions, confidantes, lovers. Laughter, romance, sensuality & shared future will keep us fresh & alive. Lost my lover 1 yr. ago & hope love & lifetime commitment will happen again. I'm GWM, 49, 5′8″, 195, HIV-, gray hair/moustache, attractive, intelligent, but not intellectual or academic, disposition both lively/humorous & quiet/contemplative. Enjoy music (classical to Gypsy Kings), reading, writing, PWA volunteer work, arts/crafts, videos (classical movies to XXX). Father of grown children, not into sports, gym, cruising, bars. You're GWM, HIV-, 40 to 60, FrA/P, mostly top, willing to explore mutual delights. Your looks, size not priority, but your kindness, unpretentiousness, stability, monogamy & need for serious commitment are. Reply BT Box OC88B or call ★★1848.

Husband Material

Handsome and sexy GWM, 53 (look 43), 5′10″, 165, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive, masculine man for dating and romancing. Interests include outdoors, hiking, organic vegetable gardening and weekend outings. I'm HIV-, nonsmoker and would prefer same. You are perhaps 10-20 years younger, have a good sense of humor and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors oriented triple pluses. Call ★★1849.

Compassionate, Nurturing, Cuddly

Domestic, handsome (heavy bearded facial type), non-gym-toned (slight belly), oral, passive, Italian (6′2″, 205 lbs., 24 y.o., looks 34, slightly thinning hair), who's into antiques, Victorians, animals, farms, flowers, CW music, dancing, theme parks, traveling and American cars from the '30s-'60s, who needs a Jewish/Italian/Portuguese top who's openly gay, liberal, romantic, sincere, caring and slightly butcher than I am. No bigots, smokers or druggies. Call ★★1850.

Hello Asians

Nice GWM, 5′9″, 125 lbs., looks 44 (is 54), HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker, attractive, professional, offering friendship and love from his heart desires a mature slim Asian, 40+, for a monogamous relationship to enjoy life's pleasures by caring, sharing, cuddling and living together in my house or other place. I enjoy cars, boats, computers, music, eating out, walking, traveling, spending quiet evenings at home and safe sex. I especially enjoy cuddling. Reply BT Box OC89B or call ★★1851.

Kind, Attractive GWM, 43, Tender, Honest

Nonsmoking, no alcohol or drugs, affectionate, casual, r and r, rock dance music, theater. Musician, comic, writer a plus. Long conversations, humanities, long-term, loving relationship. Funny, responsible, cleanshaven, tall, hairy. Call ★★1852.

Fucking Showoff!

Yeah, you! The guy hanging out of his jeans, you're the man I'm looking for. Let me watch, tease me, make me beg. Wanna cruise Market Street wearing just a T-shirt? Wanna make some memories in an empty parking lot, or down on the waterfront? Wanna sit on my couch and tease me? I'm 36, white, 5′11″, natural voyeur/audience. Let me worship you! Call ★★1853.

Round Two Still Confused

Second ad, no Mr. Right yet! I am 6′, 195 lbs., vibrant blue eyes, brn hair/moustache, hairy, mostly top, masculinely handsome, great smile and sense of humor, outgoing, but shy, don't S/D/D, HIV-, young 45, prefer men slighter than me, blond, blue, 5′6″ to 5′10″, fair, slight body .r, 28-40ish, attitude more important type. Enjoys CW dancing as well as new clubs, biking, hiking, skiing, mountains to seashore. Nothing set in cement. Reply BT Box OC90B or call ★★1854.

Exceptionally Handsome Intellectual

Sexy Mediterranean looks, model's body, porn star's dick (skilled top), 5′9″, 28 y.o.; seeks enthusiastic, affectionate man/couple (exceptionally handsome, thirtyish, medium build, willing to work out) with conservative appearance, but environmental/feminist values. Bohemian yet elitist, I'm disdainful of both working class and middle class tastes (music, art, architecture...). Intensely visual/highly critical, only men secure enough to extend themselves interest me. Will relocate. Box 460662, SF 94146 or call ★★1855.

Forest Rendezvous

Seeking a special friend to take sailing, hiking and share passionate physical encounters. I'm a handsome GWM, 34, 5′4″, 135 lbs., brown hair and eyes, moustache, physically fit and healthy, HIV+, versatile and very oral. Non-drinker and drug user, light smoker (outdoors only). Well-educated, secure, stable professional. Also enjoy travel, cooking and open to other interests. You are a WM, 30-40, 5′6″ to 6′, fit, healthy, versatile and very physical. You are outdoors-oriented, intelligent, honest and attractive. Come relax in the redwoods! Call ★★1857.

Travel By Westfalia

Sounds like a great way to get away, but for now camping, airplane and convertible get me out of town often for fun with friends. I am 32, 5′11″, 170, long dark brown hair, bearded, pleasantly hairy professional and not co-dependent. I am looking to meet a well-traveled, eclectic, independent man who values nature and enjoys David Byrne, Merce Cunningham, vegetarian food, and who is emotionally and financially secure. Being a bear is good but not necessary. Call ★★1858.

Hungry Mouths Wanted In Santa Rosa

By two horny 53-yr-old GWM, HIV-. If you like to give oral pleasures in Santa Rosa only, write M/W, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★1859.

Let's Be Honest
What I'm Really Looking For

Is one special person in my life—someone to do things together with, share the sorrows and joys of life with, and provide mutual caring and support. I consider myself a very good-looking, very discriminating, Cauc. professional, early 40s (really), 6′2″, 190 lbs., fair, bl/gr eyes, facial hair, HIV-. I have a fine, muscular build as I swim, run & work out on a regular basis. I enjoy painting, photography, travel, my home, dancing (avid CW & disco), and quiet times spent alone with one special person. I am somewhat reserved but exceptionally affectionate, tactile & demonstrative with my feelings with the right person. And I've been told I have a heart of gold. You should be a secure, unattached, 35-42 y.o., Cauc. with hot dark looks, trim hairy build, about 6′, no piercings, LD, NS, HIV-, and share most of the qualities and desires I do (East Bay Taurus?). I would prefer someone having a masculine, down-to-earth demeanor (as I do), not overly political or into the gay scene. Facial hair mandatory, a good 2-step follower highly desirable. I know you have a lot to offer someone. I know I do. So take the risk. Without risk, there can be no happiness. Without happiness, what else is there? Enclose spare photo. Reply BT Box OC91B.

Artistic Football Player Type

Handsome GWM, 6′, 33, HIV-, muscular (works out daily), large framed, 220#, successful artist, seeks companion. I enjoy kissing, laughing, cooking, classical literature & vocal music, old movies and exploring new cultural horizons. I also enjoy making love with my hot, masculine buddy for hours at a time. I seek another passionate, affectionate, good-natured, intelligent, muscular GWM. Send photo/letter. Reply BT Box OC92B or call ★★1860.

Moustached Daddy Wanted

Cute Asian, 26, 5′5″, 130, student, looks for daddy type. Prefer 35-55, GWM, professional, stocky build, beard or moustache a+. Both: HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs, honest, considerate, enjoy outdoor activities. Let's talk, get a chance. Call ★★1861.

What Single Gay Men Hear: Blah, Blah, Blah, Sex, Blah, Blah, Blah, Commitment

If you enjoy hot sessions of the former and are not paralyzed by the prospect of the latter, read on. This very handsome, professional, late thirties, HIV- GWM is seeking someone who, like myself, is creative, zany, enjoys the outdoors (esp. cycling), travel, music (most types) and is pursuing life-fulfilling aspirations. Physically I'm trim, muscular and athletic with blue eyes and brown hair (on both head and chest). Looking to meet man between 30 and 45 who has similar values and interests with a fit mind and body (preferably muscular) who knows how to use both. If this describes you, write with photo. Reply BT Box OC93B or call ★★1862.

Puppy Boy Wanted

Like to lick? Nuzzle up an armpit? Get down on all fours and take it doggy style? 33 y.o. balding yet hairy, 5′9″ male will provide his master's voice. Butt photo if you can. Reply BT Box OC94B or call ★★1863.

Writers, Academics, Intellectuals

Intellectual seeking other intellectuals for friendship and/or relationship. Me: 35, 6′2″, work out regularly, muscular, average looks, in excellent shape. Want to meet other writers, academics, journalists. Looking for people passionately involved with books and ideas. Be trim, athletic, my age or younger if seeking relationship. Looks, age unimportant if seeking friendship. No post-modernists, please. Call ★★1864.

Wanted: One Brooks Brother

Well-endowed, preppy type, seeks same for hot J/O sessions. C'mon, shed those khakis and show me what you've got. Me: 6′4″, 200#, in-shape. Call ★★1865.

Love Hairy Chested Men!

I'm 37, boyish good looks. Live in the East Bay. Blond, smooth, defined, tanned, musc. body. HIV-, romantic and a great bubble butt. Let's get intimate. Call ★★1866.

Young Lover

I've searched the world over and thought I'd found true love? Corny? Well, I'm early 30s, good-looking, loving, HIV-, honest, romantic, sexual and alone! I'm happy with my life except I don't have a partner, someone 18-30, good-looking, slender, loveable, sexual, great kisser, someone who doesn't smoke or do drugs, not a bar fly, who wants a home life, good friends and to build a future together. I know you're out there and just because you're young doesn't mean you don't want all of the above, so please reply with photo or to my voice mail... Who knows what the future holds? Reply BT Box OC95B or call ★★1867.

Asian Men

A mature, well-educated and well-traveled professional, discreet GWM looking for someone to treasure for a long-term relationship. Looks and age not important, but please be discreet and masculine. Send photo if possible (which will be returned) to BT Box OC96B or call ★★1868.

If Only

The stats: GWM, 28 yrs., 6′, 175, brn/hzl, HIV-. Subjective: cute to good-looking. Sound in mind, body, soul and health. Looking to meet that "one special guy" to build a relationship with. You: my age or younger, athletic, masculine, professional, great sense of humor, happy with yourself, not afraid of commitment, honest, communicative and sexually passionate and versatile. GWM with dark hair and a smooth bod a plus. Call ★★1869.

East Bay

Adventurous, athletic, clean-cut, outgoing GWM, 27, 6′2″, 185#, HIV-, new to California, not into "the scene," looking for friends/dates interested in movies, backpacking, dancing, music, sports (especially wrestling, football, boxing) and exploring the area. Good looks/build are nice, but personality and a positive attitude are more important (really!). Please write 20824 Mission Blvd., #845, Hayward 94541 or call ★★1870.

Mediterranean Heat

Attractive, athletic, HIV-, 32 y.o., 5′9″, 150 lbs., submissive but versatile, black hair, brown eyes, hairy chest and stomach, well-built. I am a swimmer and work out regularly. Persian/Indian and Italian/Spanish descent, architect. I live in the East Bay Hills countryside. I'm looking to meet youthful, attractive, athletic, muscular men into working out, hiking in the woods, meditation, romance, sensuality, touching, feeling, playing, loving, being real. Call ★★1871.

Just Ask

This queer guy of good prospects and honorable intentions is sometimes mature, sometimes child-like, occasionally charming, often socially inept. My life and goals are simple; job & apartment are okay; I even have a few close friends. Peace and healing worked for are being granted. Sure I'm grateful. And now I want companionship, simpatico and a heartfelt connection with another man. Music, dinner out, bicycling, SF's many treasures, a show and movies are some of what I enjoy. The bod was born year of Kennedy's election, of Western European stock; is currently 6′, 180#, absent of perilous illnesses. Been called cute, but attraction's entirely subjective, no? Mutual spark is important, but sex is not part of my dating repertoire. Other "nots" include smoking, drug/alcohol use, roles. R U my age ±2ish years (yeah, I know that's narrow), similarly healthy, height/weight proportionate? Beyond your fiercest efforts at cynicism, has hope been reborn in your breast as November's election approaches? Any major chords struck here? You need only write. Reply BT Box OC97B.

So? How Come You Never Call?

I've been waiting... Warm, bright, spirited, good-looking, affectionate, in-shape, Jewish WM, 36, HIV-, seeks companion who is also warm, communicative, sensitive, smart, emotionally available and HIV-. P.S. I have good family values. Call ★★1872.

Native Japanese? Hajimemashite!

Yasashii crewcut blond American (Scots, Irish and French ancestry), 6 foot, 170 pounds, green eyes, looking for friendship and fun with Japanese men. I have a heart of gold and a body of stainless steel, a mind clear as a stream and spirit bright and cheerful as the sun. Men my size encouraged but not required. Also interested in hosting gay Japanese tourists. PO Box 882848, SF 94188 or call ★★1873. Arrigato gozaimasu!

To Keep & To Hold

Good-looking, professional, masculine, strong, cleanshaven GLM, 33, 5′9″, 170, HIV-, passionate, spiritual, romantic top seeks lifetime companion. You are a mature, handsome, professional GWM, 25-40, blue/hazel eyes, straight-acting, bottom, HIV-, who is not into drugs, head games or open relationships. If you are ready to have a sincere, honest, caring husband and willing to develop a close committed relationship, call me. Call ★★1874.

Cafe Society

Handsome prof. GWM, 35, 6′, 165#, brn/hzl, down-to-earth, loves to laugh, equally comfortable at a club or cuddling up in front of the TV, on a hike or exploring the lower Haight. Interests include art, alternative music, cars, gay politics. I'm looking for a GWM, GLM, GAM, 22-32, for a possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Please live within 20 mins. of SF. Reply BT Box OC98B or call ★★1875.

Handsome male wants beefy, manly male. I'm attracted to mostly dark men—Arab, Latino, Japanese, Chinese—my only turn-offs being overweight, obviously gay and insincere types. Told I'm very sexy. Prefer someone over 5′8″, living sought of San Francisco, preferably the Peninsula. Be open to a possible relationship if the chemistry is there. I'm 6′3″, light-brown, green eyes, Anglo with full head of hair, medium build, exercise, biking. Call ★★1876.

I'll Make Your Wildest Fantasies Come True

Young, hot, college jock, 6 ft., blond hair, blue eyes, tan, real tough-looking, seeks young, buff-looking, submissive guys for fun and... If this is you and you're masculine, under 24—go for it. Disappointment—not possible. Call ★★1877.

Sexy And Sensitive

GWM, 37, 5′10″, 175, br/br, great body, hairy, seeks sexy/sensitive man with good body and sense of humor to explore the possibility of romance. Call ★★1878.

Hot Deep Throat Action

Discreet, clean-cut, masc., healthy GW regular guy: trim body, 5′9″, 155#, hairy chest, flat stomach, 30w, alcohol- & drug-free, seeks horny, attractive, clean-cut, healthy, masc., in-shape, WM, 36-50, who enjoy hot, wet service of their man meat. I'm readily available to service you—you won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box OC99B or call ★★1879.

I Don't Want Another Drink Or Fight, I Want A Lover Tonight

Me: GBM, 26 (but wise beyond my years), 6′2″, 175 lbs., writer, attractive (sometimes even "cute," to my utter dismay), versatile, great sense of humor (will do anything for someone who keeps me laughing), sensitive, open-minded, etc. You: nonsmoker, body proportionate, self-confident, with a great personality, no hang-ups concerning age, race, etc. Let's collaborate! Call ★★1880.

Wanna See A Movie Or Just Hang Out?

... Late 20s to 40 y.o. GWM sought by 30 y.o. GWM—5′11″, 165#—let's share our slightly twisted sense of humor (we really enjoy Sandra Bernhard), passion for movies and videos, board and card games, long drives, good conversation as well as an appreciation of quiet moments together. Dark hair and nonsmokers are a turn-on. Relationship-oriented but open to other alternatives. Reply BT Box OC100B or call ★★1881. Photo appreciated.

All-American Guy

Sincere and down-to-earth, high-energy, professional, youthful and athletic; moustache, 36, 5′10″, 165#, br/br, hairy chest, leaning toward muscular from gym/running. Wanting to date and play with another masculine, younger, cute, fit, versatile Caucasian to Latin buddy, with boyish good looks, who would enjoy skiing, wine, jazz. We're both outgoing, HIV- and avoid trendy fashion. Letter/photo to PO Box 1494, Sonoma 95476 or call ★★1882.

Student Seeks Hot Date

Looking for positive spirit for indoor and outdoor activities. Prefer Asian or Hispanic. I'm GWM, 32, healthy, fit & nice-looking. Call ★★1884.

Special Moments

Searching for a special person to spend special moments with. Whether it be a walk on the beach, evening at home, night at the arts, afternoon at the gym or a day touring California. You are a man with dark features. Over 5′8″ and long hair are a plus. I am a muscular GWM, 32, 5′9″ and 170 lbs. Call ★★1885.

They Said

I wouldn't meet anyone skiing in Colorado or racing my sailboat on the bay or riding my bike over Mt. Tam and they were right. This very good-looking professional is still alone. In my early 30s at 6′1″ and 185 lbs., I have been left with one of the side effects of an exercise addict (a very hard, muscular body). I am interested in meeting other athletic, unaffected, masculine, good-looking, straight-appearing men to 40 who would rather be riding up a mountain than cruising the Castro. HIV-. Call ★★1886.

Athletic Males

Very cute, exotic, multi-ethnic male, mature, 18, p/t model, seeks athletic, outdoor-type males for friendship. Non-sexual. I'm very athletic and love sports. I'm 5′11″, 165 lbs., black hair, green eyes, athletic build. Call ★★1887.

X-Nice Bottom Buddy

Is wanted by a masculine, healthy, blue-eyed blond butt-pumper. I'm in late 40s, from Ohio originally, nonsmoker, non-drinker, wanting to connect with a reserved low-key bottom guy under 35 needing a man that will treat him wonderful. I may be the man of your life, that is if your eyes are open to what's out there. Call ★★1888.

Geek Seeks Squeeze

Skinny, shy, stubborn GWM, 35, with brown hair, blue eyes, no face fuzz, seeks compatible, communicative, kissable pal of keen mind and open heart. Interests include opera and dance, park and city walks, good fiction, good film, good food, good friends. Smokeless, drugless, semi-vegetarian. If you're intrigued and intriguing, serious and silly, good talker and good listener, aged 30-45, let's connect and see what happens. Reply BT Box OC102B or call ★★1889.

Hirsute Lover

Sought by good-looking 36, GWM, trimmed beard, balding, hairy, 5′11″, 160, great legs, more bottom than top. I'm honest, loving, grounded, communicative, romantic, creative, stable and monogamous. I offer you positive attitude, career, travel, good times, emotional stability and many personal interests. If you want to share my attributes and offer integrity, friendship, love, character, possible cohabitation and share the gusto life offers both of us, please call ★★1890.

Next Deadline for All Ads: Oct. 30

Chubby Guy Seeks Monogamous Sweetheart

I'm as old-fashioned as the Victorian I live in. GWM, 6'1", 280 lbs., adorable as a Siamese kitten. One-night stands make me vomit. What can I say, I'm a hopeless romantic. Loves: movies, music (all types except metal), cuddling on stormy days in front of a fireplace, all types of food, camping (especially at night in front of a campfire with the man I love), bicycling and having picnics, dancing, singing (all types). Dislikes: promiscuity, drugs, smoking, dishonesty, flakes. I guess I'm just looking for someone to bring home and say, "Mom, meet my boyfriend." Sound corny? Tough—it's who I am. Call ★★1891.

Handsome, Hairy, Hunky Guy

34, masculine and muscular, 5'10", seeks another fit and fun guy, 30-40, to hang out with and get to know each other better. Dark hair/hairy chests a real turn-on! Discreet and safe. Tell me about yourself and how we can connect. Call ★★1892.

Romance, Bondage And Tickle Torture

Cute GLM, 20, alternative/punk type, hopeless romantic, 5'9", 145, seeks romantic men into kissing, massaging, lt bondage, tickling. I'm smooth, slim. Smoothies great, hairy definite +. You: sub./pass., vers., attractive, nice body, very ticklish. Have baby dungeon/playroom. Need someone to play with. Have feathers, toys, but prefer using my fingers. Want to tear open your shirt, hands/legs spreadeagled, then attack your hairy armpits and stomach until tickled to orgasmic ecstasy. Man enough? Prove it! Call ★★1893.

Seeking Native Americans Only

I'm new to The City, so I'm not into any scenes. I'm a person who enjoys new or different things. I want to please and serve a Native American who lives in The City. I'm looking for one or two meetings of hot, passionate sex: me giving, you lying back and receiving my expert oral ability. Waiting to hear from you now. Call ★★1894.

You Tarzan, Me Boy

Boy 28, 5'9", 150#. White boy; eyes brown; hair brown; muscle legs; muscle butt. Cute boy; smile big; face clean. Boy real smart; Ivy League; think big; think deep. Boy no smoke, no drink, no eat meat. Boy eat berries, roots, chevre, quiche. Boy like ride bike, lift weight; talking pictures other tongues; real old music; explore jungle. Boy no Jane. Boy no HIV. Boy look innocent. Boy not innocent. Tarzan tall jock, big muscle. Tarzan not 38 yet. Tarzan lean, swing trees. Tarzan hair still there. Tarzan real smart too. Tarzan like big think with Boy. Tarzan speak truth. Jungle listen. Tarzan top. Tarzan Boy live treehouse. Tarzan dump Jane, send letter/photo: Boy, Box 14593, SF 94114.

A Winner In You

Asian male, 27, 5'7", 134, professional, athletic, smooth, level-headed, tri-cultural, looking to connect heart & soul. Value integrity, character, wisdom, straightforwardness, humor, spontaneity. Enjoy karaoke, volleyball, non-fiction, outdoors, dancing, thriftshops, friends, intimate quality time, getting to know you, and your skin. You: GWM, 23-35, fit, HIV-, stable. Let's talk over coffee. Include photo and letter. Reply BT Box OC103B or call ★★1895.

Tall Order

Tall, slim, late 40s, masculine man—close-cropped/thinning hair, hairy chest, hung regular, attractive, seeks tall, very slim (lean-waisted), masculine man, 35-60, hung reasonably large and extra-stiff. Seeking physically/emotionally affectionate, warmhearted man with strong Greek active/French active preferences who's seriously interested in monogamy. HIV-, nonsmoking, relationship-oriented only. Call ★★1896.

GWM, 28, 5'9", 145, professional, liberal, amusing, cynical, good-looking, in-shape, active, enjoys reading, exploring, talking, travel, art, music, the absurd, occasional weed, sex. ISO of possible relationship (of some sort) w/similar man any size (weight/height reasonable proportional), healthy, HIV+, versatile and somewhat kinky. Leave explicit message. Call ★★1897.

Fun Loving

Latin/Italian, 35, 5'7", 150 lbs., beard, moustache, brn hair (medium length), dark eyes, honest, upfront type who loves to have fun. I'm free-spirited, like a good sense of humor, old movies, most music (especially rock & soul) and the ocean. Looking for a relationship with right man. If you are 25-35 and this ad attracts you, send a photo & reply. Reply BT Box OC104B or call ★★1898.

Seeking Companion

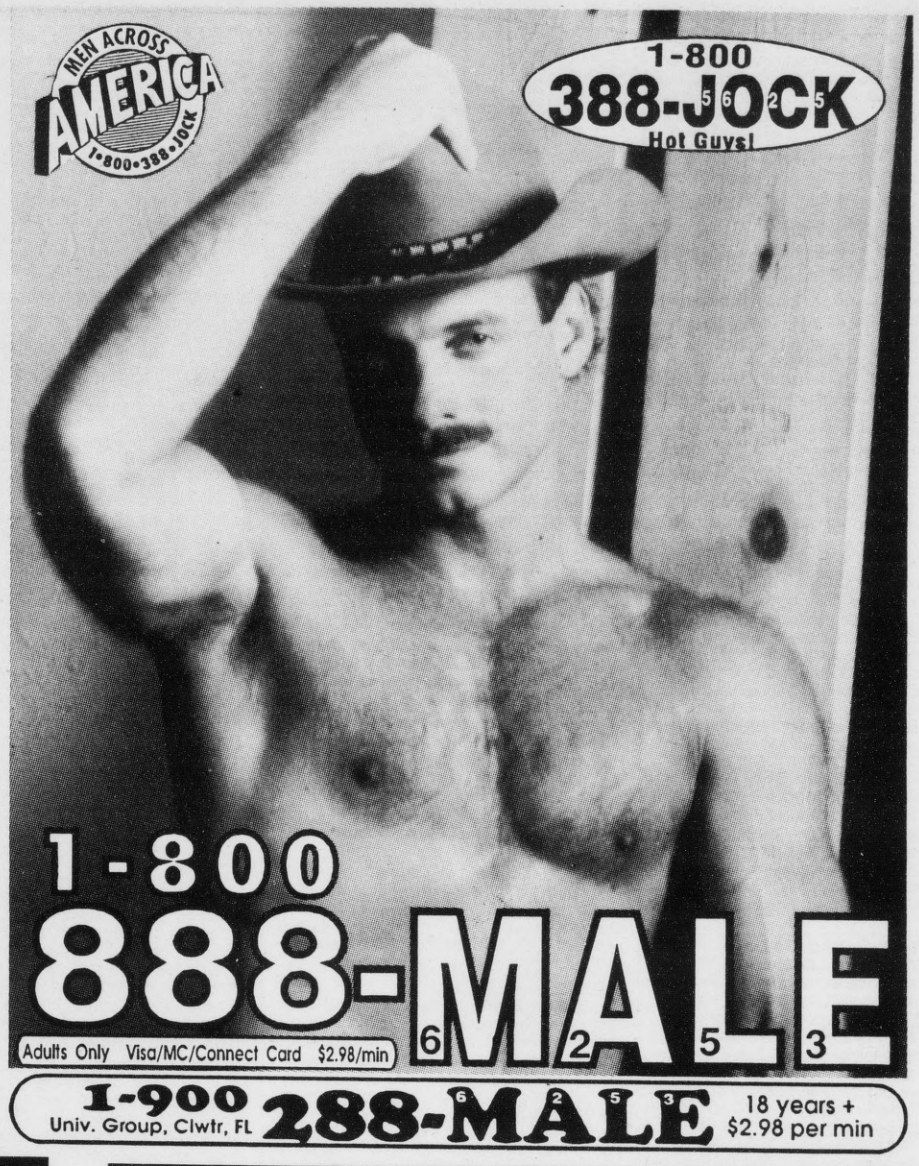
East Bay or SF. 31 y.o., 6'1", 222 lbs., dark, hirsute, unpretentious, HIV+, WM, seeks 20-40 y.o., white or Latin man for friendship and/or sex (tender to rough). My interests include reading, classical music, politics, working out, eating out. Open to meeting others with same or different interests. Call ★★1899.

Fuck/Concert Buddy

The only thing I like better than a good song is a good... so let's listen to cool stuff together. Maybe we're so turned on by the music and each other we fuck. Maybe not. I'm 23, 6', 150, work out, long brn hair. Into Sonic Youth, Brian Eno, King Crimson, etc. Let's see where we can take each other. Call ★★1900.

Seeking Friendship/Poss. Relationship

I am a 28 y.o. Asian man. Friendship holds a very special place in my heart. I am 5'4", 132 lbs. I love to laugh and have fun. Music, dancing and working out are my other loves. I'm seeking



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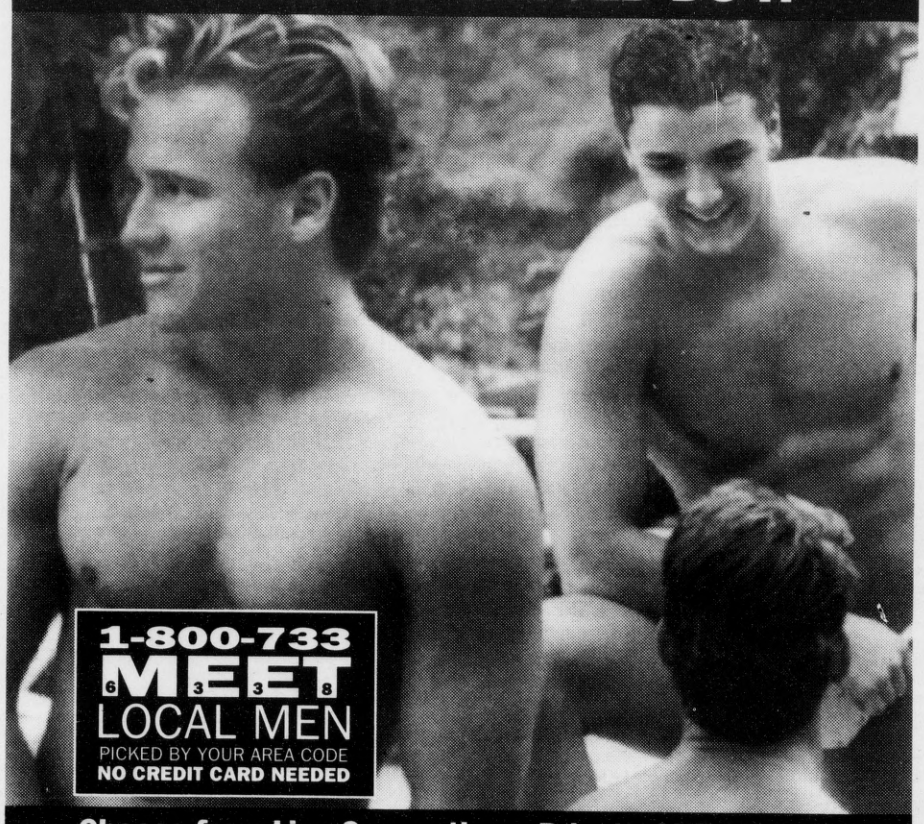

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someone under 35. Race is not important, however, honesty and sincerity are. If interested, please write or call: T.Q., PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★1901. Thanks, and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. Photo—will return.

Opportunity!

26, 5′7″, Asian/American backgrounds, well-defined, smooth body. Way above average-looking. Enjoys working out, travel, dining, dancing and creative arts/films. Prefer Caucasian, under 35, who, for compatibility sake, is good-looking/cute, easygoing, mature, responsible, masculine, physically & mentally fit (no drugs!). With the right person, I love to cuddle in bed, kiss and be close. I seldom put out an ad, so take this rare opportunity. Call ★★1902.

Just One Man

When the real thing comes along, we'll know it. So let's take that chance now. Be a lover of movies (musicals, mysteries, camp), music (Streisand, Stansfield, Erasure), travel (Europe, New York, Bay Area) and me—a 31-year-old, attractive (albeit overweight), tall nonsmoking teddy bear. Hopefully you're sensitive, romantic, humorous and honest. Dark hair, blue eyes and a hairy, muscular physique are pluses. I live in East Bay, work in SF. PO Box 1285, Fremont 94538-0128 or call ★★1903.

Fuck Sex, Fuck Looks, Fuck Romance

Goofy and supple GM, chronic intellectual, vegetarian, alienated (I refused to vote on the Elvis stamp), laughs at anything (Edward Gorey, the Donner party), detests roles (social, sexual), pro-feminist & progressive, seeks friends. Some obsessions: snowboarding (incurable), cycling, basketball, softball & irony. I want friends who offer me models of who I might become. I want more life, fucker. Call ★★1904.

Affair Of The Body

This horny GWM, 30, blond/blue, in good shape, is happily in a long-term relationship. Seeking someone similar to bring out the bottom boy in me and make me say, "Sir!" Mornings are the right time for me as I keep late banker's hours. If a sharp mind, fair skin, a big dick and the need to be dominated turn you on, let's go... Call ★★1906.

Are You Ready To Leave The Single Life Behind?

Well, here's your chance (and mine). I'm in my late 30s, masculine, good-looking, clean-cut, 5′11″, 160, a multi-degreed professional, exercised (however, my libido needs more attention), with a passion for family, children, education, food (it's oral and safe), golf, tennis, mountain biking, fast cars and torrid sensuality. I'm patiently looking for a self-proclaimed great guy (28-38) whose heart is as big as his "hard on." You should be clean-cut, ready to settle down, HIV-, masculine, versatile, honest, Democrat, sarcastic & would love to have the greatest Italian "mother-in-law" this side of Genoa. Interested? Don't hesitate because once I'm hooked the spoiling begins and the action stays at home. Call ★★1907.

Honestly

It's not easy to decide what to put in an ad. Not looking to be daddy, require spanking, or am 39 but look 25. Am an attractive GWM, 5′10″, 155, brown/blue, professional, work out regularly. Enjoy outdoors, movies, music, romance and laughter. Seek successful GWM, 30-45, HIV-, nonsmoker to build a supportive, caring relationship or at least receive some interesting phone mail messages. Honestly. Call ★★1908.

Massage For Young Guys

I offer a deliciously sensual, thoroughly pampering, deeply relaxing, pleasurable and nurturing massage to healthy young men who are preferably 18 to 24, uncut and with trim, "athletic," smooth physiques. I'm a dark-haired, very thin, healthy, married, Latino masseur, 39; uncut and hung very big. Mutual J/O after massage nice, but not required. Write (photo appreciated): PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★1909.

Are You Asian?

I think Asian men are the most attractive people on Earth. I'm 22, 5′8″, 135 lbs., Latin/Asian, good-looking, just started working out, and financially secure. Looking for companion to go to restaurants, movies, hiking, talking, dancing, etc. Possible relationship. You are under 30 and slim or fit. There must be someone out there for me, but I don't know where to look. If interested, please call ★★1910.

Seeking A Life Partner

I'm 44, 6′2″, 260#, and seek the companionship of an honest, sincere, sharing, healthy (HIV-) lean man to 30. I enjoy intimacy, hiking and mountain biking and working out together! If you're interested in meeting a guy who wants to take a new chance at love and you are independent, then quite possibly I'm your guy! AMS, PO Box 835, Inverness 94937-0835 (West Marin).

You Saw Me Dancing...

Alone in the dark. Lost in the silence of my heart. Dancing for angels. Dancing for light. Dancing for someone tonight. GWM, 39, 6′2″, 185 lbs., HIV-, smooth, long brown ponytail, muscular, tan, tattoo (want more), versatile, seeks GBM with similar stats as equal, playmate, workout buddy, lover and partner for life. No time for wasting. No time to teach. No time for innocent lies. Touch me like heroes. Stay for the night. Lead me to worlds far beyond. I need secrets in the dark, love in the shadows, passion burning out from under my skin. Take me for a ride until the night is over and daylight steals the magic from the dark. Shy? Reply BT Box OC105B. Adventurous? Call ★★1911.

Like To Watch, Be Watched

Or maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5′5″, in good shape, nice dick, hairy legs, ass. You are any age, healthy and hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★1912.

Testosterone Turns Me On

I'm 33, 5′10″, 180 lbs., muscular, looking for guys who are extremely masculine in appearance and manner, taller and older than myself, solid, in good shape. Special interests include titplay, spanking and underwear. If you are very aware of your masculinity, like to assert it and be admired for it, and into kinky and passionate sex, let's meet. Call ★★1913.

Students Please Apply

Warm-hearted, low-key, GWM student, who prefers cuddling and kissing to one-night stands, is looking for other, 18-35, like myself. Intense Scorpio into Disney, motorcycling, travel, coffee, photography and dancing on alternate weekends. Straight-acting, politically liberal, open-minded, spur of the moment types please apply. Call ★★1914.

Hey, Ya Big Lug

How long you gonna sit there lookin' at it? That lean, hairy bod you've worked on all these years. So, it's a bit beyond the top of the hill. It's still a feast for the right pair of eyes. Able to command adoration, compliance, devotion. Possessing the power to corral a rare man, an ageless beauty of many talents, to be your mate. A true contemporary who, like you, is an HIV-, monogamy-oriented, down-to-earth, nonsmoker over 40, smart, virile, gym-addicted, hairy and, unlike you, is a 5′10″, 165#, submissive, green eyed, blond hunk, yours to tame. Call ★★1915.

Handsome Blond

30 y.o., well-built, well-adjusted male, seeking a muscular, handsome F-buddy or just someone to hang with. I'm easygoing, a little reserved, enjoy good company and a great smile. Like warm & cuddly as much as hot & sweaty. I'm 5′11″, 170, handsome, nice bod, cleanshaven, long blond hair. Call ★★1916.

Free Your Mind!

I do not believe that life should be a constant struggle, nor am I so ecstatically sainted that problems don't exist. Total freedom to me is in the mind and cannot be challenged by anyone. I am HIV-, Black, free, obtuse, tall and over 35. Call ★★1917.

I Want A Boyfriend By Thanksgiving

Looking for WM, decent-looking and sexy, not narcissistic, homebody, in control (most of the time). Under 40, between 5′8″-6′1″, weight proportionate to height, into sports, masculine, top, cut, good hygiene, brassy, Sean Penn attitude but a big baby inside, romantic, 501s, drives a jeep/truck/motorcycle, blue collar a+, HIV-, great kisser. Me: gay Filipino, 27, 130 lbs., tennis, dance, jogging, foreign languages, travel, versatile but mostly bottom, affectionate, HIV-. I'm too sexy for this ad. Call ★★1918.

A Handsome Thai Male

Is available to a special GWM! Hi! I am HIV-, 36, 5′8″, 170#, with a silky, muscular body. A guy-next-door type who is clean-cut, collegiate, huggable and beddable. A software professional and a tennis player. I seek a GWM who is high-achieving, cleanshaven, athletic (a must), and an incurable romantic. Please respond to Boxholder 128, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★1919.

Italian Maneuvers

Original Italian, 44, 5′8″, 160 lbs., masculine, muscular, HIV-, dark, balding, hairy, very well-hung and uncut, looking for well-hung men for safe sex, mostly oral, J/O, and lots of foreplay. Hairy men a big plus. If you enjoy getting high on mutual cock worship, this is your opportunity. Photo, note, phone to: PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★1920. Be real and be hung!

One Good Asian Friend

Desired by tall, slim, older, but in-shape, easygoing GWM w/moustache. Some interests we share are classical and folk music, art, ballet, beach & redwood hiking, movies, cheap eats out and, of course, much romantic, physical closeness. You should be trim, cleanshaven, dominant sexually and a sincere, caring person (as I am). Please reply to PO Box 191082, SF 94105 or call ★★1921.

Touch Me All Over

Looking for sensuous, compassionate Black gentleman to use his big hands to work the kinks out of my lean, tight, muscular body and ignite the flames of passion. This athletic GWM, mid-30s, tall, seeks liaison with mature GBM on regular basis. NS, HIV- please. Beard a+. Call ★★1922.

Okay—Now, Something Real

GWM, 20s, handsome, straight-acting, fit, intelligent, honest, relationship/friendship-oriented, versatile, seeks same. Call ★★1923.

Out Again

Good-looking, fun guy's been alone too long. Looking to date, have fun, see what develops. GWM, youthful 43, brn-gray/hazel, 6′, 175#, healthy HIV+. Intelligent, self-employed designer, involved in the arts, good sense of humor. Varied interests include attending cultural events, traveling, 49ers, film & TV. Love to ride my mountain bike in GG Park or Marin. Preferably you're my age or younger, my height or shorter. No cigarette smokers or heavy drinkers. Reply BT Box OC106B or call ★★1924.

What Exactly Does "Straight-Appearing" Mean Anyway?

Openly and publicly GWM, 31, 6′2″, 160#, brn, blue. San Jose resident. Not a god, but not a butt ugly troll either. Environmentally aware, financially stable, nonsmoker/drinker with strong libido. More concerned with being genuinely me than worrying about public perceptions. Seeking other "out" relationship-minded, emotionally available and honest men with independent thinking skills, 30 to 40 years old, (nonsmoker, moderate to non-drinker) to pursue a possible relationship. Interests include community volunteer work, theater, metaphysics, travel, massage, cuddling, passionate safe sex, dining in or out and just spending time together. Must be sexually versatile and imaginative. Good personal hygiene a must! Call ★★1925.

Hold It!!!

And me too! I need a friend who can be a lover and can trust time enough for that to happen. I'm a top guy, 32, 5′11″, 155, brown/hazel, blond 'stache. I'm a photo lab tech, masculine, sensitive, pensive, cynical, honest, loyal and given to occasional fits of unbridled adolescence. I'm clean & sober, a smoker and know what I want, but not where I'll find it. Please be sincere, emotionally available & willing. All answered. Reply BT Box OC107B.

Where's My Prince?

Your masculine tenderness holds me tight; my passion keeps you warm; your unassuming naivete stirs my heart; my love unconsummable and eternal; your strength soothes my soul; my vigor protects you from harm. Together, we build a kingdom, one brick at a time. (Well, if we get stuck, we can leverage buy out one.) This Asian prince is big-hearted, valiant, handsome, 26, 155, 5′10″. PO Box 160182, Cupertino 95016-0182 or call ★★1926.

Relationship? On The Peninsula?

I'm a cute GWM, 28, 6′2″, 160#, blond/blue, who's seeking a relationship built upon sincerity, romance and honesty. I enjoy swimming/surfing, hiking, the beach and desert, sunsets, sex and food! Swim 10 miles per week for fun/fitness. Would like to meet someone who's masculine, physically fit and handsome. Are you, like, boyfriend/husband material? If emotionally adventurous, respond! Reply BT Box OC108B or call ★★1927.

Just A Date Or Something

I have no problem meeting people. Unfortunately, they're either "married" or act as if they are living on another planet! You: gainfully employed, professional, financially secure, under 42, GWM, attractive, work out regularly, two-stepper, HIV-, SF resident, comfortable in tux or sweats. Me: these plus these, 38 y.o., GWM, 5′8″, 150, br/bl, muscular, cleanshaven and, honestly, a nice guy. Call ★★1928.

Giving Up

On San Joaquin horny men. No responses on my last ad. Being adventuresome I am now seeking hot, horny and hard men living in Livermore, Pleasanton and East Bay. Mature Asian male seeks bi/gay men for dinners, movies, videos and sharing mutual, nude massages. I'm 5′7½″, uncut, smooth and hairless body, French A/P and Greek passive, nonsmoker, non-drinker, and no drugs, U B 2. Tricks or treat? Yes, the latter. Call ★★1929.

Tennis And Things

I would like to have a lover and fellow-minded may certainly apply. But I would also like a companion for healthful activities such as bicycling, tennis and things. For this, do-or-die lover chemistry at first sight isn't necessary. I am WM, 45, 5′10″, 155 lbs., HIV- I appreciate intelligence and a reasonable amount of maturity. You are of any race. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★1930.

It's Time

I long for a partnership in which we nurture and cherish each other for the wonderful souls we are. I'm ready to love a strong, gentle, big-hearted, handsome, nonsmoking man, age 30-55, attentive to his body and spirit and secure enough to be open, playful and supportive (not possessive). I'm a handsome, sensitive, very creative, well-exercised, young-looking GWM, 47, 5′7″, strong, smooth-skinned, very sensual. While I often come across as forthright, self-sufficient and an initiator, there's a quiet, loving, childlike part of me that continues to emerge. My social/political/spiritual orientation is iconoclastic, non-mainstream and attuned to the larger picture. For more goodies, write PO Box 3073, Oakland 94609 or call ★★1931.

Truth In Advertising

If you've tried ads, you'll know that some people take personal marketing to questionable limits. I thought age was measured chronologically, not based on how old one feels or think they look; and beauty was based on a broad sample of unbiased opinion, not insincere patronage from desperate one-night stands or one's mother. Who's kidding who? Consider these facts and findings: Amer-Asian, 29, HIV-, extra-hung, professional, 6′2″, 175 lbs., gym-toned, kind and romantic, accented by a touch of healthy skepticism, and handsome to very good-looking (all based on a consensus of fair-minded observers). Want to meet educated, attractive men, HIV-, under 33 y.o., no games, no gimmicks. I guarantee it. Call ★★1932.

Firemen To The Rescue

Mature GWM, salt 'n pepper bearded, 5′8″, 130#, seeking fun and safe sex with reddish blonds. Fiery bushes and facial shrubbery a plus for relaxed, sensual diversions. Call ★★1933.

Southern GWM

37 y.o., 160 lbs., fit, 5′8″. Enjoy bicycle riding, reading, chess, bowling, tennis, politics, cooking, intelligent conversation, good liquor & wine (not an alcoholic). Have 2 nice bicycles—can use one of mine. Would like to meet other gay males with some similar interests & no addictions. San Francisco only please. Reply BT Box OC109B or call ★★1934.

Physical Intimacy 101

Course requires understanding that sex is more than just orgasm. Focus on vanilla, outside reading on spice possible. Special topics include kissing, heavy petting and bed wallowing. Course objective is ongoing safe sex relationship built on trust involving long, sensual encounters; quick study discouraged. Grades based on participation in classroom discussion. Students should be broad-shouldered, trustworthy and versatile; good musculature extremely helpful. Classmate is bearded, long-haired GAM, 29, with sturdy build, who works best with gay men his age or older. No drinking, drugging or excessive smoking in classroom. Call ★★1935.

Are You A Quick Cummer?

If so, then I would like to meet you. I'd like to see how long I could hold you off by giving you a slow, slow handjob. Sound like fun? I'm a GWM, 46, 5′8″, 170 lbs., br/bl and am HIV-. Call ★★1936.

Well-Balanced

Health conscious, earth conscious, fully conscious GWM, 32, able to maintain balance between serious/playful, intense/easygoing, young at heart/mature, active/meditative, responsible/spontaneous, stubborn/flexible, well-dressed/casual/naked, conservative/uninhibited, dancin' fool/homebody, top/bottom. I am NS, ND, tan, trim, gym-toned, sensual, masculine, cleanshaven, well-groomed, educated, curious. You be similar. Seeking companion for romantic moonlight walks, flea markets, conversation, nude beach, clubs, etc. Reply BT Box OC110B or call ★★1937.

Unorthodox Jew

Squid-loving, un-bar mitzvahed, once blond, still blue-eyed artist interested in meeting other nice Jewish boys to help break my longstanding goy habit. Rigid standards: similarly non-religious, sometimes remembering to be humble, wanting reciprocity, willing to learn. The not too rigid ones: 35-41, over 5′9″. Me: tall, lean, 38, and mellowing. Call ★★1938.

Real Hunk

Very handsome, 42 y.o. GWM, masculine, lean, muscular, 6 ft., 165 lbs., dark hair and eyes, versatile, bright, well-balanced and HIV+ (healthy), seeks very good-looking, well-defined male near my age for great sex/possible relationship. Value: honesty, awareness, humor, confidence, intelligence, stability. Dislikes: tobacco, pretense, airheads and Republicans. Returnable photo required. Reply BT Box OC111B.

No Hassle Fun

Fit, gdlkg WM, 30s, in relationship but looking for daytime/evening no hassle fun. Am very oral and hungry. Your place. Safe, HIV-. Prefer masculine Blacks or Asians or extremely hairy, any race. PO Box 3271, Daly City 94015. Nice, very horny guys only. Thanks. Call ★★1939.

Mature Sonoma County

Guy, 49, pleasant, attractive, healthy, varied interests, wants to give all sorts of pleasure to a non-chubby guy, 18-30. You could be shy or exhibitionistic, any race, straight, gay or bi, affectionate or just horny, act out fantasies or keep it simple. You won't be disappointed. PO Box 1443, Forestville 95436 or call ★★1940.

50+?

31-year-old GLM, 5′7″, 160 lbs., blk hair, brn eyes. I'm looking for a GWM between 45 to 60 years old. I'm into beaches, sports, movies, nice quiet, relaxing evenings at home, exploring new horizons and having a good time. You, not set in your ways, sensitive, caring, masculine and young at heart. I'm basically looking for some companionship and a possible relationship. Photo appreciated. Send reply to Boxholder, PO Box 104, Moraga 94556 or call ★★1941.

Time For A Nooner

GWM, 32, 6′, 155 lbs., swimmer's build, in great shape and usually horny. I need someone who will satisfy my cravings. You must be a good kisser and know how to give a great blowjob or be a quick study. I'm looking for a hot stud under 30 for some midday or evening fun. Call, tell me your fantasies, let's do the wild thing. Call ★★1942.

West Desires East

I am discreet, sincere, honest, warm, shy, masculine, clean and neat. Wishing to meet someone for companionship and hopefully a long-lasting, loving relationship to share my first experience with. "I'm very health-conscious, so safe sex is a must." Me: GWM, 6′2″, 180 lbs., bl/bl, RSVP to Boxholder, PO Box 421507, SF 94142 or call ★★1943.

... I roll over, pressing my body against yours without inhibition... fair skin against dark. One arm wraps around your stomach, caressing muscles, chest, sensitive nipples... a hand runs through your smooth, dark hair... a tongue tastes the back of your neck. Kisses follow—small, exploratory at first; soon our lips meet, fire ignites. You awaken... sweaty, passionate love ushers in a new day... We share laughs, sorrows, dreams, silly secrets. Trust is implicit, total. Our relationship is unique, not always easy... based on respect, honesty, adventure, communication, curiosity. I am fascinated by you... sometimes I could eat you up. You first noticed my shy smile, nerdy glasses... couldn't believe that a guy like me didn't already have a lover. I was just waiting for you to ask. Call ★★1944.

The Goddess Takes Care Of Parking

HIV+, 32-year-old pothead with a well-oiled mind, aiming at the way between Bacchus and Pooh. 5′10″, 160, br/gr, trim-bearded, balding on top, handsome, masculine sex fiend. And I am looking (I try not to look too hard) for a lustfully shaped man with a smart ass, a pure soul, and infected cum. I am a chef in the kitchen, a philosopher when stoned, and a slut whenever. You are full of surprises too. It is time for us to find each other. Reply BT Box OC112B or call ★★1945.

GAM Seeking GWM

GAM seeks GWM for romantic time, fun time, relaxing time or what you have in mind. Me: 40-yr-old, 150 lbs., 5′8″. You: 30s-50something, 5′8″ and taller. Call ★★1946.

Special Limited Time Offer!

Package includes smooth, toned, attractive Asian, 24, 5′6″, 125 lbs., guaranteed not to fade! Specially wrapped in plaid coats & ties for work, turtlenecks & jeans at cafes, or iridescent swimsuits in parks. Contents include quirky sense of humor, intelligent conversation, and bouts of silliness. Care requirements: gentle to heavy tumble cycle with an affectionate young, good-looking white guy seeking a quality relationship. Call ★★1947 for this special offer! Made in the U.S.A.

Reliable Dad Seeks Dependable Son

Slim, masculine, attractive dad, 48, balding/crew-cut seeks slim, lean, masculine, well-hung son, 18-40, to build monogamous relationship. Share my SF apartment. Enjoy quiet homelife. Seeking nonsmoking, HIV-, considerate boy who believes in duty, mutual loyalty and responsibility. Must be employed. Call with description. Call ★★1948.

Oakland Midnight Cock Obsession

Masculine, aggressive guy into strictly mutual heavy dirty talk, jerk off, cock & ball worship while drinking, smoking, partying, seeking other masculine, aggressive, night owl party animals. Age, looks not important. Not into videos, shaved, tits, ass, couples, quickies. Into long scenes with men equally obsessed with cocks/balls, talking, stroking. Seeking buddies, not top-bottom freaks. Don't have car, so prefer my place. Call ★★1949.

My Boyfriend

What do I want in a boyfriend? Probably the same things you're looking for: a sense of both physical and emotional attraction—a connection; trust, sensuality and integrity. I'm HIV-, 37, masculine, brown hair, brown eyes, 5′11″, 172 lbs., muscular, athletic, "outdoors-type," professional, educated and, yes, handsome. I'm looking for a similar GWM with whom I can develop an incredibly "tight" relationship with—just the two of us, and call my boyfriend. Call ★★1950.

I Want It All

My career, a husband, my three cat boys, my grueling workouts (Gold's 5x week), my art work. Me: brunette ambition, HIV-, 40, big chest, nice arms, dark hair & eyes; Italian transplant, NJ-LA-SF; love to write. You: very muscular, intelligent, charming, ambitious, age?, race? But muscles—yes! Be true. Heaven knows I am. Call ★★1951. (This could be important.)

Dustin, Not Woody

Smart, 33 y.o. JM, funny, talented and sexy (see above), believes bright, passionate, soulful men exist outside NY and Rome. Career and sanity are engaged, but not yet heart and body—5′6″, 150, naturally muscled. If you're an accomplished, committed, complicated mensch (uomo? ombre?)—perhaps taller, darker-featured, but versatile in mind and all things—there's a great co-starring role. No smokers, liars, Leopolds or Loebs. Call ★★1952.

Semi-Prep

GWM, 28, 5′6″, 140#, clean-cut, good-looking, slim but reasonably muscular, friendly, educated, seeking someone 25-32, who's creative, witty, progressive and affectionate, with a sense of humor. I like vanilla (but not boring) sex, obscure (but fantastic) novels, necking, biking and all kinds of satire. I believe in romance, but not technicolor sunsets. Minuses: smokers, drinkers, facial hair. Pluses (none are required): East Bay residents, blond hair, collegiate types, business suits, bubble butts, boxer shorts. One requirement: good conversation. As Wilde said: "The value of the telephone is the value of what two people have to say." Reply BT Box OC113B or call ★★1953.

Open This Chocolate Package!

Outwardly sexually shy 28 y.o. GBM seeks butch GWM. I have a strong personality, hence I need a man who knows how to take control in the bedroom, the living room, the back seat of a car, at the beach, under the bleachers, etc. Let's get together... physically. Tall, cowboy boot wearing types given first hot priority. Call ★★1954.

Laughter, Touch, Intellect

I miss these things, among others. Sean Conneryish lookalike, asymptomatic positive, bourgeois wage-earner, 40s, 6′, 160, major smile, speaks Sondheim, reads midbrow books, spins yarns with a Southern accent, and gives great blowjobs. These attributes strike me as valuable; hope they do you too. My wish list: bright, pleasant-looking grown up, with minimal body hair and enough personality to keep me from spooking. Call ★★1955.

Let's Fall In Love

What can I do to get you to answer this? Well, how about the truth. I'm 28, 5′11″, 170, handsome, affectionate, romantic, sensitive. Looking for the same in a top. I'm relatively new to area. Love to kiss, cuddle, etc. I'm attracted to someone with the above qualities. Italian a plus. So answer this and let's get together. You won't be sorry. Call ★★1956.

Where's My Teddy Bear???

This bl/bl, 27 y.o. WM is tired of the bar scene, games, 1-night stands, but mostly falling asleep

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all alone at night. He would like to meet a WM, 20-30, who is open-minded, relationship-oriented, enjoys movies, dinner out, dancing, but likes time alone with that special someone most of all. Emotionally/physically stable & good direction in life a + + +. Are you the lost teddy bear? Call ★★1957.

Rim Buddy

Quality guy wants buddy who turns on to hot, wet kissing, cuddling, stroking, licking and being eaten out. No strings, no hassles, just pure pleasure. Me: very masc., GWM top, passionate, responsive, unaffected, and a good friend. I'm 5'10", 160#, strong athletic build, 40s, short brn hair/eyes/'stache, HIV-. You: similar qualities, affectionate, younger, shorter, trim/lean build, HIV-. No tricks wanted. Call ★★1958 or write (your photo gets mine) Box 159, 2440 16th St., SF 94103.

Asian/Latino Hunks

Who require very dedicated oral servicing will get my eager attention! No strings, no complications, just really hot, great head from a very attractive, fit, trim and healthy, 47 y.o. WM. You should be willing to lay back nude and tell me how you want it. I'll comply and probably bring you off at least twice per session! You've really got to experience this! Call ★★1959.

Androgynous Bottom

My fantasy: having a warm, intelligent, handsome, masculine companion who can tap into my androgynous, feminine energies in total privacy and confidence. I'm an attractive, masculine, WM, bottom, 44, 5'9", 160#, smooth, professional, seeking a slender, oversexed top with a safe, kinky, adventurous attitude (well-endowed a+). I'm HIV+ & asymptomatic, single, non-promiscuous, open-minded, discreet, desiring similar. Also enjoy thoughtful conversation, massage, FF, toys. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 640084, SF 94164-0084 or call ★★1960.

Seek Young Brother Type

GWM, 48, 6'1", 178, hairy chest, moustache, physically active. Live E.B., own house, cat and dog. Would like to meet younger, physically fit man to interact with socially and sexually. I am top-oriented, like cuddling and kissing. Myself NS, ND, lite drink, you same. Prefer defined to slender build man who is responsible and independent. Returnable photo please. Reply BT Box OC114B or call ★★1961.

Asian Daddy's Boy Wanted

For relationship with stable professional. I'm in my 40s, 6' tall, 160 lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, nonsmoker/drinker, and not into gay scene. I'm caring, discreet, with traditional values. I need a cleanshaven Asian in his 20s, for companionship including safe sex. If you are shy or have special needs, I'll put you at ease. Reply to the Boxholder, 48 Shattuck Square, #162, Berkeley 94703 or call ★★1963.

Boys In Disgrace

Ever fantasize about being stripped, spanked, played around with by a group of guys? Good-looking WM, 43, 5'10", 150, will give you and others the frat initiation you never had. Am trim, preppy-looking, strict but caring. Seeking white males, 18-30, like-minded, cleanshaven, in-shape, top or bottom, for safe fun and games. Limits respected. No S/M or leather. Contact with your specs and scene. Reply BT Box OC115B or call ★★1964.

How Did They Meet?

Have you, too, seen two guys walking arm in arm down the street and wondered how they ever got together? I've taken the point of view that you can't search for a boyfriend, you've just got to "let it happen." And when that proved fruitless, I made an effort to get out and meet new people. I've solicited friends for blind dates; I've done volunteer work; I've signed up for all sorts of evening classes at the extension (by the way, there's not a lot of great reading in ancient, Akkadian cuneiform); I've even responded to the SFBT personals. It's a matter of two special people who somehow have missed connecting so far. Details: bright, curious, reflective, GWM, with droll sense of humor, HIV-, 42, 190 lbs., 6'1", br/bl, who believes that the doctrine of the pursuit of pleasure is physical, intellectual and spiritual. Reply BT Box OC116B.

Read Me!

Very good-looking, masculine GWM, 28, 5'11", 170, br/br, white-collarish, HIV-. Looking for serious relationship with similar. You be masculine, 25-35, white, Latino or southern European, nonsmoker, no drugs. If you haven't bought the myth that men can't have a long-lasting relationship, call me. You'll be pleased. Let's start as friends. Call ★★1965.

Luscious Lad Seeks Hirsute Hunk

If you resemble Ed Asner, Bob Hoskins, Armin Mueller-Stahl or Captain Picard in appearance or demeanor, give this 27 y.o., 5'10", 155#, blond-haired, hazel-eyed twinkie a call. I'm cute, fun, artsy, smart, smooth, toned and have a big weenie. I desire a fun, masculine, beefy man with hairy forearms, salt-pepper hair, bald spot and hairy chest to marry or play with. Call ★★1966.

Castro Street Fair

We caught each other's eyes several times in the dance area. You were cute blond/blue wearing red tie-dye T-shirt; I was Asian wearing black shorts and T-shirt. You blew me a kiss as you left. My friend yelled for you, but in my hesitation you disappeared into the crowd. I'd like a second chance to meet with less distance and without the crowd! Call ★★1967.

Looking For Mr. Right, Not Mr. Perfect

GWM seeks GM for relationship. Me: 5'9", 160#, 25 y.o., br/bl, NS, ND, not into bar scene, normal, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, lots of energy. You: very tall, stocky to large build, NS, ND, not into bar scene, masculine, great sense of humor, top, 24-34, stable and secure. Someone caring would be great, too! No drugs. Serious only—reply to: Boxholder, PO Box 690, Clayton 94517-0690.

Try This...

I wrote an ad many months ago, and though love didn't happen, I met some great people. 35, 6', 170#, HIV+, hairy, aub/br, beard, easygoing, sense of humor (though not cynical). I take care of my body, know myself well, am spiritual, optimistic, earthy, artsy, intelligent (though not an "intellectual"), sexually versatile, NS, ND, light alcohol. Love the finer things in life, but no time for attitude. I'm currently learning country-western dance (we'll see how this goes), have a wide range of interests and willing to explore new possibilities. I've checked out pretty much every "scene" and find I'm a little of all and none completely. I love what city life offers culturally, but appreciate country getaways. So what do you think? Let's meet for coffee. Call ★★1968.

Deaf GWM

Deaf GWM, 40 years old, look 30s, blue eyes, brown hair, 6' tall, 143#, moustache, straight-acting seeks GBM, GLM or GAM, 21-45, straight-acting, nonsmoker, no drugs, sincere, honest, sweet, passionate for friendship and maybe more. I'm HIV-, spectator sports as well as participating, bowling, chess, gyms, reading, movies, massage, relaxing on quiet evenings with someone special. If interested, please contact me: Boxholder, Box 190223, SF 94119-0223. Photos appreciated. Thanks.

Santa Rosa—60 Miles North

Of San Francisco, two horny 53-year-old, HIV-desire your oral pleasures on their stud bodies. No reciprocation. White, brn hair, eyes. Write M/W, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★1969.

GWM Cowboy/Skier Wanted

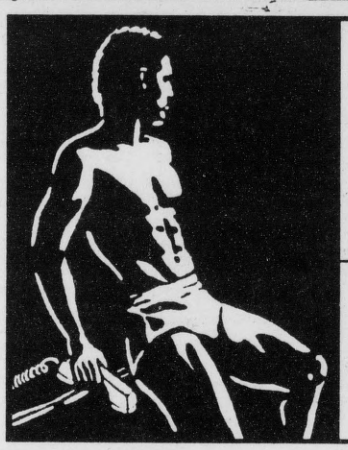
CW dancing: lead or follow. Skiing: I'm an advanced intermediate—with a passion! Willing to X-country. Me: GWM, mid-30s, medium height, fit, confrontive, aggressive, smart, atypical and attractive. Hot! You: sexy, compassionate, humorful, imaginative. I'm single, have a flexible schedule, love travel, and eventually want relationship. Things in common, mutual respect and rapport are very important. Sexually versatile with the right man/chemistry. NS, ND. Letter, photo, phone call. Reply BT Box OC117B or call ★★1970.

Almost Straight?

Attractive, educated, professional, almost straight GWM, 30s, 5'10", 154 lbs., br/br, good build, masculine interests, seeks taller, handsome, straight-appearing man with hunky build (sans adipose) for dating. I have a natural weakness for a dark-haired, furry chested man who is liberal-minded, a good conversationalist, and who enjoys long, passionate winter nights. Be HIV- like me. Letter and photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC118B or call ★★1971.

Attractive GAM Seeks Special GWM

Cute, attractive, young GAM would like to meet a special GWM to share interests, for friendship or probably relationship. I am 24, 5'4", 103#, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drinks/drugs. I am happy, friendly, very easygoing, responsible, passionate. I have a clean, trim and sexy body with minimum body hair, intelligent mind. Interests: reading books, music, dinner out, movies, math, physics, chemistry, making friends. You: GWM, 24-38, masculine, HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drink/drug, handsome or average looks, but personalities are more important. Let's meet and en-



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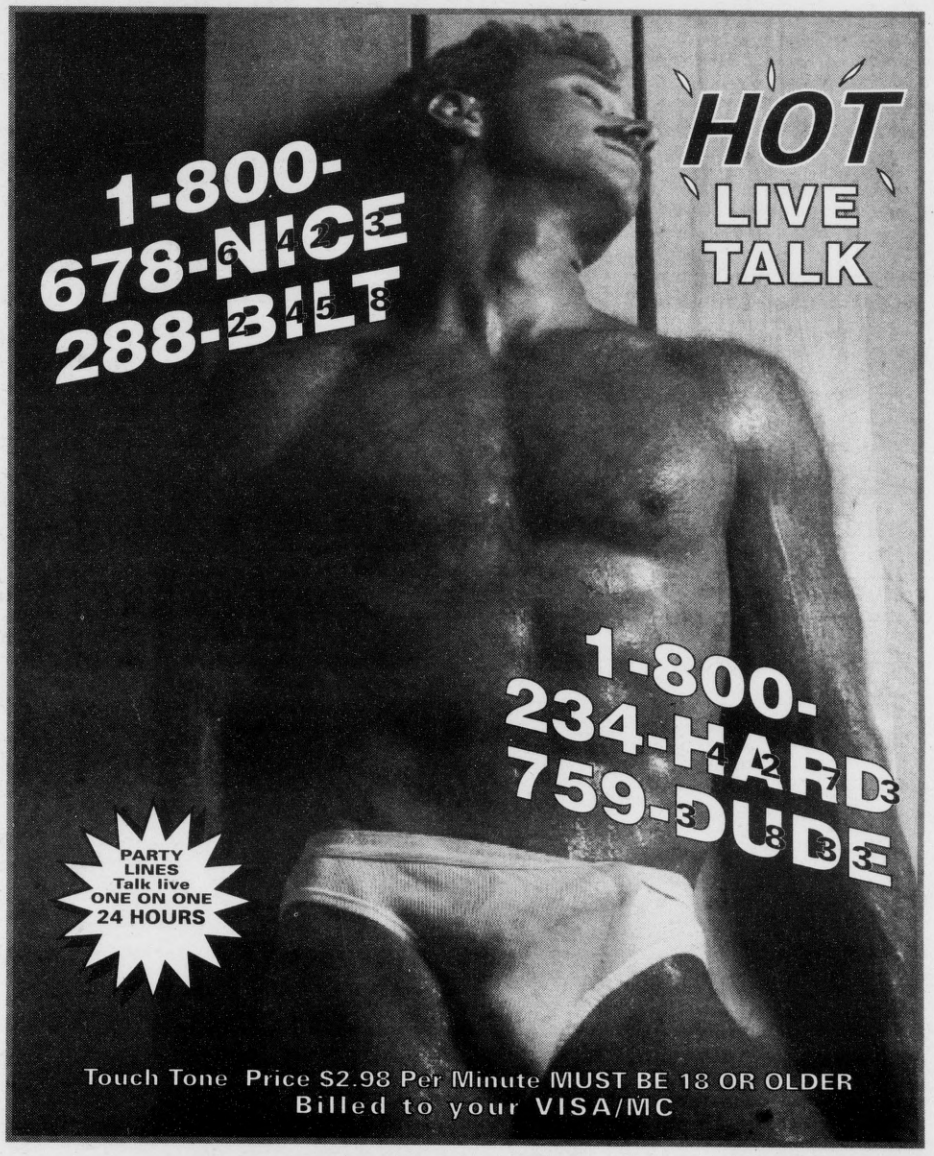

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HIV + Latin, Asian, Etc.?
GWM, 38, seeks safe, sane fun with a smooth Latin, Asian, Italian, etc. I'm hairy, hung, called attractive and love to show a smooth backside a great time. Completely smooth is very hot! I'm also a passionate kisser, stocky and masculine. Right now I'm only looking for a safe HIV partner for hot times, but, who knows? Call ★★1972.

From Top To Bottom
The virus hasn't changed my deep blue eyes, set against dark locks and moustache. Eyes that admire olive-to-dark brown males. Kisses touching deeply, holding you closer—soft, abundant body hair brushes your smooth satin skin. Sensitivity, tenderness surrender to passion—sensing your pleasure, kisses become dominant, raising temperatures, gaining my entrance. The virus hasn't changed my desire for you—or yours for me. Call ★★1973.

Great Expectations
Handsome, professional man, 40, 6', 190, hiker, gym-goer, broad shoulders, blue eyes. Friendly, successful, unpretentious, witty, varied interests (outdoors, theater, backroads, comic books, Jewish mysticism, volunteer work). Seeks handsome guy, 22-32, with his own set of interests, communicative, educated, affectionate, HIV-, reasonably butch. Optional points for slightly husky, therapy or similar experience, nice laugh. Object: friendship and romance—not instant sex, but not instant marriage either. Call ★★1974.

Let's Fall In Love
Re-settle and grow old together, gracefully, playfully. Semi-retiring 2-3 years, maybe starting small business? Adopting a country lifestyle? Lakeside log home in Bozeman? Albuquerque? Depends on your plans. Active, healthy, 45 y.o., 6'1", br/bl, NS/ND, HIV-, honest, big-hearted, sensual, successful. Seeks masculine, secure, affectionate guy at similar crossroads, ready for romance, able to reciprocate, full of plans and dreams to share and attain. Photos exchanged. Box 4307, Napa 94558 or call ★★1975.

Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down
Discretion a must! GWM, hairy, 38, seeks top men to teach me the ropes, tear my clothes off, tell me what to do. Get graphic. Turn-ons include cigar smokers, Hell's Angels, uniforms, leather masters. Write with your fantasy if interested in meeting and acting it out. Boxholder, PO Box 410990, Suite 308, SF 94141-0990.

Manly Asian-American Boy
Seeking relationship with GWM under 40, butch rugged exterior/gentle interior, facial/body hair, a cuddlephile, tall, brawny to bearish. I'm 23, 5'10", 180, built strong, stocky, aggressive, sensitive, a strong man on my own but a tender boy when held safe and secure in your arms. We are HIV-, love cuddling/soul-mating all night, nurturing, honest, affectionate, value intimacy. No games/drugs. Call ★★1976.

Gentle Black Bear Bottom
Cute GBM, 29, 6', chunky, 250#, short blk hair, beautiful brn eyes and HIV- with a great smile, looking for a GWM, 25 to 49, 5'7" to 7'0" top medium to large body frame. Shared interests are basketball, baseball, hiking, mt. biking, jogging and long walks. Love cooking fancy meals, old movies, jazz, hip hop, rock and country music. I'm nonsmoker, non-drug user, you should be also. Not looking for a one-night stand. But possible friend, lover and longtime companion. Redheads a + (but don't let that stop you). Reply BT Box OC120B or call ★★1977.

Handsome, Straight-Acting, Intelligent...
It feels strange limiting a description of myself to these terms, but these are the three things that people seem to notice most about me. I'm a GWM, 27, 5'9", 151 lbs., HIV-, with sandy brown hair and green eyes. I'm described as very good-looking, I work out and am into being healthy (but I don't mind people who smoke or drink once in a while). I have strong values and my politics are left-of-center. I'm tired of the shallowness of the bars and clubs. I'm looking for someone healthy, 32 or younger, who is intelligent, handsome, masculine yet unafraid of intimacy; someone who cares about more than looking good, being trendy and getting laid (but is definitely sexual). Call ★★1978.

A Heart Of Gold
That's what I've been told that I have. It doesn't mean I don't lose my patience with people sometimes. I'm of Mediterranean background, 36, 5'6", 140 lbs., HIV-, brn hair/brn eyes. Looking for similar for a relationship up to age 36. I study anthropology and Arabic, love to dance, enjoy nature and acquire intellectual knowledge (to use in our fight for our rights). Reply BT Box OC121B or call ★★1979.

Pen Pal Wanted In San Francisco
GWM, 31, black hair, blue eyes, 5'8", would like to meet males, ages 27 to 47. If you are interested in acquiring another very close, sincere, honest, best friend, please write. I am educated and successful. I enjoy travel, swimming, hiking, writing letters, romantic dinners and an occasional night out on the town. I also enjoy uniformed men. Boxholder, PO Box 1923, S.L.C., UT 84110 or call ★★1980.

Weight Gainers And Encouragers
If you're a man who's ever found the prospect of getting bigger and/or fattening up another guy erotic, I'd like to invite you to my next dinner exclusively for men genuinely turned on by aspects of eating, feeding or encouraging. Please leave a message on voice mail box. Call ★★1981.

Time On My Hands...
Could be time in your arms! An indescribably creative, sensitive and sensual, vibrant lovemaker (and damn good conversationalist), I'm 25, 5'11", 190#, blond/brown, crewcut and a soon-to-be bicycle jock. I want to meet up with other high adventurers who, like myself, get turned on by being themselves—and living to tell about it. Walks on the beach, romantic dinners out, and chill Autumn nights by the fire are great, but so are picnics at Land's End, brunches in undiscovered neighborhoods, mystical reminiscing under full moons, and working up a sweat under the covers. Act now—operators are standing by! Your letter & photo gets mine. PO Box 14322, SF 94114 or call ★★1982.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship
Professional GWM, 43, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box OC122B with a photo (returned) or call ★★1983.

Discreet Fun
Mature, friendly and already-involved white male looking for safe, fun encounters on the side. I'm 5'11", 170, brn/brn, good-looking, 26. You should be mature, 20-45, good-looking, easygoing, average weight and willing to be discreet. Body hair and green eyes a+! No hardcore. Leave detailed message and let's have some fun! Call ★★1984.

Once Upon A Dream...
I have vivid dreams of lovers I've never seen. Pleasant looking guys (as I am)—he looked kinda like Bob Newhart in recent one, like Jay Thomas or Mark Spitz in previous dreams. So much for looks. The important element here is the love, the sense that you are out there, perhaps looking for me. Waking up alone after these dreams is a cold contrast. So where are you? Hopefully, you're also a nonsmoker, no drugs. We love walking, laughing, just being together. A dream is a wish your heart makes. Let's find one another. Write with photo to PO Box 410990, Suite 308, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★1985.

Short And Sexy
Fiery, intelligent, hot, 24-yr-old guy, 5'4", 130 lbs.; with intensely sexy, big, blue eyes; full, shapely, kissable lips and tattoos. Looking for sexy, strong, nice, open-minded guy (21-36), under 6' tall and well-hung, who is looking for passion and mind-blowing sex that will leave even the neighbors wanting a cigarette! Casual or possibly continual. Honesty and creativity a plus. Send photo and detailed letter. Reply BT Box OC123B or call ★★1986.

Ready For Me?
38-yr-old GWM, HIV+, affectionate and loving traveler, homebody, musician, adventurer, gardener, wants soulmate unafraid of intimacy, communication, fantastic sexual connection. We need not be exactly alike but be appreciative of each others' talents and abilities. I'm healthy, 5'6", 138 lbs., moustache/balding, work out 3x week. You: physically fit, lively, top or versatile GWM, 30-40, and 5'5" to 5'10". NS, ND. Letter, phone call, photo. Reply BT Box OC124B or call ★★1987.

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CALL 1-900-844-2-GAY. Using a Touch-Tone phone, you can reply to any ad that has "Call ★★" with a Call Star Extension number. This is your chance to hear the advertiser's voice! Call their extension and leave a personalized message, or see if this sounds like an advertiser you'd like to write to. It's almost as easy as leaving a message on a friend's answering machine. And the advertiser gets your message immediately.

FOLLOW THE EASY INSTRUCTIONS when you call. You can either enter the Call Star Extension of a specific ad that interests you, or you can browse through a variety of greetings and respond to any or all of them. Select the ads you wish to leave messages for and record your responses. Be sure to include your telephone number and the best times to call. Calls cost 96 cents per minute and will appear on your monthly telephone bill.

How To Get a "Call Star" Voice Mail Box

IT'S SIMPLE AND FREE!! You'll automatically get a free voice mail box with your personal ad unless you check the box below. You'll receive a letter from us with your Call Star extension and your secret password, as well as detailed instructions on how to use the system. Remember: recording your greeting and retrieving your messages are **FREE.**

How To Reply by Mail to a SF Bay Times Personal Ad

SEND IN YOUR LETTERS: If the advertiser has a BT Reply Box, send your reply to Bay Times Personals, 288 7th Street, SF 94103. In the lower left hand corner of the envelope place the box number (not the Call Star Extension!) you are answering. Mail boxes remain open for two months; i.e. this issue's ads may be answered through December 22. Voice mail boxes remain open for four weeks.

How To Pick Up Your Written Replies

BT REPLY BOX MAIL PICK-UP: You may pick up your mail Monday through Friday from 1-6pm. If you do not have your own P.O. Box, you must get a BT mail box. Feel free to call us during the regular pick-up hours to find out if you have mail, and please limit your calls to these hours! *You must bring picture I.D. to pick up your mail at the office.*

MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR 2 MONTHS
VOICE MAIL BOXES REMAIN ACTIVE FOR FOUR WEEKS
MAIL WILL BE FORWARDED WEEKLY

QUESTIONS? Call the SF Bay Times office at (415) 626-8121 and ask for Greta.

SUGGESTED AD CATEGORY (Check One): ☐ **Women** ☐ **Men** ☐ **Bisexual** ☐ **Trans** ☐ **Shared Interests**

HEADLINE: _____

TEXT: _____

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_____ ☐ **Reply Bay Times Mail Box**

Total # of Words: _____

☐ Enclose $10 up to 70 words $10.00

☐ Enclose 15 cents per word **over** 70 words:

____ words × 15 cents equals . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $7 for Reply Mail Box . . . . . _____

☐ Enclose $11 for Reply Mail Box and Mail Forwarding . . . . . _____

COST OF ONE INSERTION . . . . . _____

_____ Number of insertions:

Multiply by cost of one insertion for total cost of ad . . . . . _____

Discount for 3 or more insertions: subtract 10% of total cost of ad . . . _____

ENCLOSED TOTAL COST OF AD, INCLUDING ANY DISCOUNTS: $_____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone (weekdays) _____ **(eves)** _____

☐ Check here if it's OK to leave a message on your answering machine if we need to contact you

☐ Check here if you do NOT want a free voice mail box

You may stop by the office at the below address to fill out a coupon. **We cannot take personals by phone, nor can we accept anonymous ads. All information will be kept confidential.**

Mail Coupon To:
SF Bay Times Personals
288 7th Street, SF, CA 94103

NEXT DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

WORD COUNTS/PRICE INFO: 'A,' 'and,' 'the,' zip codes, PO Boxes, etc. should all be included in your word counts. There are no refunds for ads. If there is an error in your ad which substantially affects the value of the ad, we will issue you a credit to rerun the ad. If you have submitted an ad which does not fall within our editorial guidelines and we are unable to notify you, we will issue a credit to run a different ad.

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES In placing an ad, you must not use names, telephone numbers or street addresses. The San Francisco Bay Times hopes that you will submit ad copy in keeping with our general editorial policies. Ads should stress those qualities the advertiser finds compatible rather than target specific lifestyles, races or other aspects in a negative manner. We understand the difference between discrimination and personal preference. If your ad does not fall within the realm of our guidelines, we may notify you and allow you to make the necessary alterations. We reserve the right to edit ads. We reserve the right to reject any ad whatsoever.

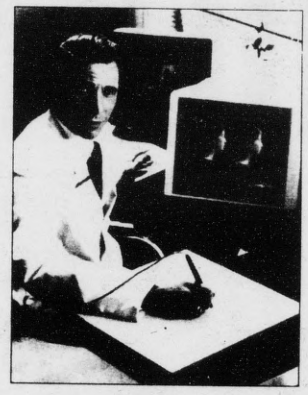
Remember: speech isn't as free on the telephone as it is in the newspaper. Government regulations forbid the "F-word" recorded on phone lines and other such direct communication. Have fun but be sensible.

THE *SF BAY TIMES* PERSONALS WORK!

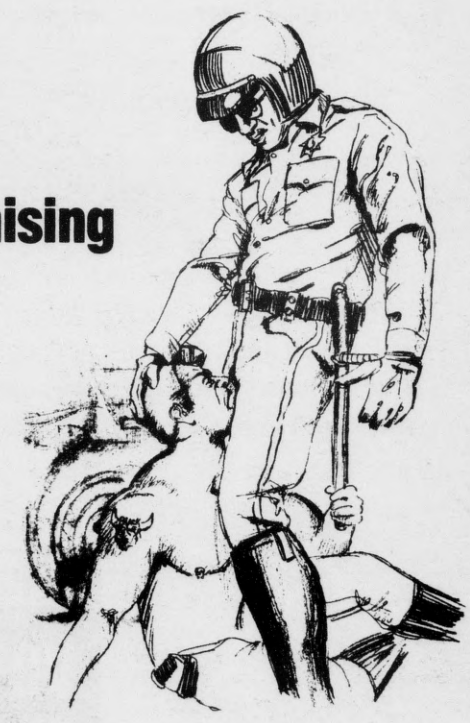
Here's How:

1. Your ad is analyzed by an international council of leading psychologists.

2. A profile of your dream date is run through our 5 million-name database at the *SF Bay Times* information center in Phoenix.



3. Finally, *SF Bay Times* "scouts" are dispatched to interview the most promising dates for you and urge them to write or call.



NO WONDER *SFBT* PERSONAL ADVERTISERS ARE SATISFIED SOCIALLY!

TRY IT OUT IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.

DEFEND *O*UR FAMILY VALUES

Our families are under siege as the Republicans declare political war on lesbians and gays.

For years Republican leaders have been killing us with silence. But this election year their bigotry is blatant and explicit — from Pat Buchanan's hate-filled speeches to the many signs at the recent Republican convention proclaiming "No Queers or Baby-Killers."

Enough is enough. The lesbian and gay community is doing everything we can to keep our families healthy and secure. But we can't do it all alone. We need a President who will denounce all forms of bigotry. A President who will fight the AIDS and breast cancer epidemics with all the resources available to the government. A President who will outlaw discrimination against lesbians and gays in our military.

We need Bill Clinton. And this November 3, Bill Clinton needs us. Please, help get out the vote for Bill Clinton.

Make sure your friends vote. Make it your personal responsibility to bring absentee ballot applications to your friends who are ill. Call your local party headquarters to find out where to pick up absentee ballots. And volunteer at your local Clinton campaign office.

The Republicans have declared war on our families. And we have to defend ourselves — at the ballot box.

On November 3, vote for Bill Clinton for President. (And vote for Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer for U.S. Senate.)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LESBIAN & GAY CANDIDATES

VOTE NOV. 3RD

- ✓ **Cleve Jones for Supervisor**
- ✓ **Angie Fa for Board of Education**
- ✓ **Jim Haas for BART Board**
- ✓ **Tim Wolfred for College Board**

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